Town *of* Canaan

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Official Reports

1954

TOWN and SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen and other Town Officers

OF THE

TOWN of CANAAN

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Together with the Reports of the Road
Agent and the School District,
also the Vital Statistics

FOR THE

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1954

The Reporter Press
Canaan, New Hampshire

Town Officers

Selectmen and Assessors

Stanley C. Bogardus James Q. Ricard
Edward J. Bennett

MODERATOR Daniel W. Fleetham
TOWN CLERK Harriett J. Taplin
TREASURER John R. Taplin
TAX COLLECTOR Philip G. Cushman

Highway Agents

1. Gleason Decato 2. Sidney Monroe 3. Walter Stark
POLICE CHIEF Eugene F. Lorden
FIRE CHIEF Eugene F. Lorden
OVERSEER OF POOR Eugene F. Lorden

Representatives to General Court

Frank B. Clarke

Library Trustees

Joseph C. Chandler Effie W. Olds Mary Dwyre

Trustees of Trust Funds

Mary C. Cobb, Secretary Preston T. Miller
Robert E. Wendell

Cemetery Agents

William H. Reagan John Q. Ricard Myron Gillens
C. Dana Christy

Forest Fire Warden and Deputies

Warden—Eugene F. Lorden
Deputies—Stanley C. Bogardus, Leander Rameor,
Robert Ricard, Edward Lary

Town Auditors

Joseph C. Chandler Truman J. Clark

Municipal Budget Committee

Term Expires 1955
Percy Woodward Claude J. Decato Robert Ricard
Term Expires 1956
Lynn Webster C. Dana Christy Erlon Eggleston
Term Expires 1957
Henry P. Gagnon John P. Roberts Roger Remacle

Selectmen's Report

Highways:

Again this year, there was a necessary overdraft of highway funds, although the deficiency was not as large as in some years previous. Weather conditions and resulting plowing and sanding costs rapidly deplete already slim budgets, particularly if there is much snow or ice during the final two months of the fiscal year.

It becomes increasingly apparent that more funds should be appropriated for highway purposes; that our previous highway budgets have not been realistic. To properly and fully maintain, plow and sand our entire secondary road network, however, would require at least an additional $10,000 annually. Without a windfall or added state aid, this would be a crushing burden on the taxpayer of the town.

Canaan has the dubious distinction of maintaining more active Class V (dirt or gravel) road (83 miles) than any other town in the state, save one. At the same time, we expend less per mile for all purposes than most towns. Our road dollars are spread thin and real accomplishments are difficult to detect.

One solution to part of this most difficult problem appears to be the discontinuance of several miles of our present Class V road network. The Board of Selectmen therefore recommend to the Town that it vote favorably on the article in this year's Warrant to appoint a Special Road Commission to completely survey town road needs, hold hearings and report back with recommendation to the next annual Town Meeting. Our Board of Selectmen is confident that recommendations to discontinue certain seldom used roads, if approved by the Town, will materially aid in balancing our road budget as well as improving our remaining road network.

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Pursuant to the vote of the Town, your Selectmen appointed one town Highway Agent who assumed his duties January 1, 1955. There were several qualified candidates and selection was difficult. Two of the former three road agents were among the candidates. Thus, in the selection of Mr. Claude Decato, your Board was of the opinion that it was choosing a man of experience as well as one who had not been a 1953 road agent.

The Selectmen recommend that the "one-man" road agent system, as presently constituted, be retained, since the Board is of the opinion that benefits to the Town by way of better roads, service and tax dollar savings will result.

Brush:

Last summer your Selectmen voted to expend $300 of the

$900 brush cutting appropriation for purchase of a mechanical, gasoline-powered brush-cutter. This machine, with an experienced operator, is rated to cut five times as much brush as a man with hand tools. The decision to purchase the brush-cutter has paid off for the town since as much, if not more, brush was cut this year with only $600 as was cut in 1953 with nearly $900. The town now owns the machine and your Board of Selectmen recommends the appropriation of another $900 to cut roadside brush in 1955. One or two more years of similar appropriations will solve the pressing problem of brush growth so that only a substantially reduced appropriation for cutting will be required in future years.

PIKE PLACE:

In December, 1953, the town acquired the so-called Pike Estate on Back Bay road for taxes. In December of that year and during the first two months of 1954, considerable property and fixtures were removed from the estate by persons who were unaware that the town owned the property. In removal of many fixtures considerable damage was done to the interior of the residence.

Your Selectmen immediately initiated necessary legal measures to recover the property, most of which was returned and reinstalled. Following an effort to dispose of the property by local sale, your Board, with approval of the Budget Committee, listed the estate with a national real estate clearing house. The property is on the market nationally at $17,000.

Other expenditures for the year included repairs to roof and windows, mowing, care of grounds and cleaning of house. Your Selectmen are most anxious to dispose of this property promptly and profitably for the Town and to return the estate to the active tax rolls. But, an annual appropriation of several hundred dollars will be required until the property is sold and to prevent deterioration of the buildings and grounds.

Fire Department:

Your Selectmen recommend that the Town bond itself to finance construction of a new fire station to house both pieces of fire apparatus. The present fire house is in a private home and would eventually have to be moved when the present fire chief retires. His barn will not accommodate the new truck and alterations are not feasible.

The Board recommends construction of a cement block, two-door fire station on town land between the Town Building and the residence of the Town Clerk and Treasurer. Both trucks and all equipment would be under one roof, centrally located. Heat would be economically piped from the heating plant in the Town Building.

Taxation and Finance:

This year, for the first time in many years, your Selectmen made an especial. honest and painstaking effort to re-assess some 250 pieces of resident and non-resident real estate in Canaan for purposes of taxation.

Your Board feels that this effort has been a step in the right direction, toward the desired goal of equalization of the property tax burden according to law. To equally distribute the tax burden, each taxable piece of real estate must be assessed by the same standards and by the same yardstick. Once reasonable equalization is reached, increases in town and school costs will be shouldered proportionately by all.

With increases again this year in the school and town budgets, and with little likelihood of any increased financial aid from the State, property owners of town are again heading for another substantial and unavoidable increase in 1955 tax bills. In order that the burden of this increase may be equally assumed by all in proportion, your Selectmen suggest that the Town may wish to request a full-scale professional re-assessment of all real estate and stock-in-trade by the State Tax Commission during the year ensuing.

Your Selectmen, as assessors cannot devote the time to conduct a full and proper physical re-assessment of every property in town. Your State Tax Commission is equipped to do so and has rendered capable and constructive services to other towns requesting re-assessment. It should be pointed out, that once re-assessment has been completed, all records, cards and assessing data are turned over to local authorities, thus assuring an even and equitable tax base for the years ahead.

Town Buildings:

This year funds must be provided to complete painting the Town Library on Canaan Street. The Town House is already in need of paint both inside and out. The Town Building in the Village requires paint on the north side and the whole building will need paint next year.

It might be wise for citizens to look to the future before heavy expenditures are made on all of these buildings. Canaan cannot afford all of them. The day will come when good business, convenience and economy may assert itself with the merger of most town functions into one building.

Tractor:

Your Selectmen and your Road Agent recommend immediate disposal of the old town tractor for the highest price. A careful examination of the unit was completed last year. Repairs will be well in excess of $1,000. If the town does not elect to dispose of the tractor, necessary additional funds to repair it must be provided this year since, in its present condition, it is worthless and has not moved from the Town Shed for over 16 month. Funds from sale of the tractor, if sale is sanctioned, will be placed in the capital reserve account.

General:

We recommend that the Town adopt the Article in this year's Warrant placing town officials under the Social Security Act.

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Pursuant to a vote of the Town, Municipal Ordinances have been created and recorded.

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Your Selectmen wish to thank all citizens, other town officers and the Budget Committee for their cooperation and assistance during the past year. Over the years our job has become increasingly more difficult and time-consuming and the assistance of others in the performance of our duties is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY C. BOGARDUS
JAMES Q. RICARD
EDWARD J. BENNETT
Board of Selectmen.

Warrant for Town Meeting

L. S. THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Canaan, County of Grafton, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House, in said Town, on the second Tuesday of March, next, (March 8, 1955) at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Polls open at 10 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. Articles in Warrant will be taken up beginning at 1 p.m.

ARTICLE ONE: To choose by ballot and plurality vote: A town clerk, one selectman for three years, a town treasurer, tax collector, overseer of the poor, one library trustee for three years, one trustee of trust funds for three years, and such other town officers as the town may judge necessary to be chosen by ballot or other legal means.

ARTICLE TWO: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of tax revenues.

ARTICLE THREE: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the year ensuing, and make appropriations of the same by approval of the Town budget as submitted by the Budget Committee.

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the Town will vote to employ the services of the Division of Municipal Accounting, State Tax Commission, to audit the Town books for the year ensuing and to make appropriations for the same.

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to employ the services of the State of New Hampshire Assessors to reassess the Town, and to raise money for the same, or take any action thereto.

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to continue the present policy of joint financial cooperation with the State of New Hampshire in the construction of bridges, and to authorize the selectmen to hire necessary funds to provide the Town's share in any construction work authorized and undertaken in the year ensuing.

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint an advisory board of highway commissioners, without compensation, for a term of one year, to review the Town's highway system for the purpose of consolidating and improving Class V road mileage; and to report any recommendations for action at the next annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE EIGHT: (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to abolish the system of having the selectmen appoint the road agent and adopt the system of election by a majority vote of the Town voters.

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will authorize and empower the selectmen to sell the Town tractor.

ARTICLE TEN: If the foregoing article is adopted, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to expend the proceeds derived from the sale of the Town tractor as a down-payment on a Town road grader, the balance due on said grader to be amortized on a rental basis, at terms satisfactory to the selectmen.

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to adopt a plan for extending to employes of the Town the benefits of Title 11 of the Federal Social Security Act (Old Age and Survivor's Insurance) as authorized by Chapter 234 of the Laws of New Hampshire, 1951, and to raise and appropriate the sum of $300.00 to defray the Town's share of the cost thereof.

ARTICLE TWELVE: If the foregoing article is adopted, to see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to execute on behalf of the Town the necessary agreement with the State of New Hampshire to carry into

effect the plan and to see if the Town will designate the Town treasurer as the officer to be responsible for the administration of the plan.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to expend the sum of $80.00 as this Town's share for support of the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Regional Association, or take any action thereto.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow the necessary money on a long term note to make full payment on the new fire truck.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to build a new fire house, to house both fire trucks and equipment, said building to be an addition to the Town Building, in Canaan Village, and utilizing the heating system facilities thereof, or take any action thereto.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow the sum of three thousand dollars ($3,000.00) on a long-term note, to finance the construction of a fire house.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN: (by request) To see if the Town favors a State Sales Tax, revenue from such tax to be apportioned among the towns to relieve the burden of the property tax.

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN: (by petition) To see if the Town will vote to accept winter maintenance of the Andrews Road, so called, or take any action thereto.

ARTICLE NINETEEN: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this nineteenth day of February, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

STANLEY C. BOGARDUS
JAMES O. RICARD
EDWARD J. BENNETT
Selectmen of Canaan

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:
STANLEY C. BOGARDUS
JAMES O. RICARD
EDWARD J. BENNETT
Selectmen of Canaan, New Hampshire

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENSES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1954

Purpose of Expenditure	Appro.	Expend.	Unex. Bal.	Ov'rdraft
Town Officers' Salaries	$2,948.10	$ 2,939.10	$ 9.00	$ ———
Town Officers' Expense	1,400.00	1,441.84	———	41.84
Election and Registration	375.00	281.50	73.50	———
Municipal Court	450.00	385.00	65.00	———
Precinct Tax	490.00	490.00	———	———
Town Buildings	2,300.00	2,545.85	———	245.85
Insurance	1,325.00	1,496.94	———	171.94
Police Department	200.00	199.64	.36	———
Fire Truck	500.00	———	500.00	———
Fire Department	1,000.00	996.29	.71	———
Legal Expenses	250.00	88.43	161.57	———
Blister Rust	400.00	394.54	5.46	———
State Audit	338.72	338.72	———	———
Civil Defense	50.00	50.00	50.00	———
Parks and Playgrounds	400.00	378.17	21.83	———
Health Department	50.00	36.95	13.05	———
Cemeteries	200.00	100.00	100.00	———
Vital Statistics	50.00	50.50	———	.50
Aid to Soldiers	250.00	123.39	126.61	———
Sewer Maintenance	500.00	383.85	116.15	———
Region Association	80.00	80.00	———	———
Town Dump	700.00	613.00	87.00	———

Interest	200.00	386.10	———	186.10
Brush Cutting	900.00	770.45	129.55	———
Bridge Notes	4,000.00	4,000.00	———	———
Town Roads—Summer	10,037.82	9,824.93	212.89	———
County Tax	3,859.68	3,859.68	———	———
Town Roads—Winter	5,000.00	5,793.48	———	793.48
Capital Reserve	500.00	500.00	———	———
Street Lighting	1,884.00	1,827.96	56.04	———
Sidewalks	200.00	191.95	9.95	———
General Expense Highway Dept.	1,200.00	1,551.36	———	351.36
Tarvia	2,400.00	2,497.64	———	97.64
Town Road Aid (to state)	1,262.12	1,328.26	———	66.14
Tractor	500.00	40.71	459.29	———
Memorial Day	140.00	137.75	2.25	———
Library	675.00	675.00	———	———
Old Age Assistance	7,000.00	6,467.08	532.92	———
Town Poor	2,000.00	2,754.29	———	754.29
TOTALS	$56,015.44	$55,950.36	$2,753.13	$2,709.14

Excess of Appropriations over Expenditures or *Surplus— $43.99

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the En
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Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1954	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1954	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1955
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	$ 2,000.00	$ 1,967.36	$ 2,000.00
Railroad Tax	1,850.00	1,792.26	1,800.00
Savings Bank Tax	175.00	80.39	100.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	57.62	54.92	54.92
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	799.26	553.32	789.88
Duncan Fund		2,537.82	2,500.00
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance		627.63	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	500.00	418.20	450.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	85.00	102.00	100.00
Fines and Forfeits, Municipal Court	450.00	298.80	300.00
Rent of Town Hall and other Buildings	1,895.00	1,699.40	1,700.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	50.00		
Income from Trust Funds	70.00		
Income of Departments:			
(c) Blister Rust refund		5.46	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	4,500.00	5,221.97	5,300.00
From Local Taxes other than Property Taxes:			
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular at $2	1,100.00	1,040.00	1,040.00
(b) National Bank Stock Taxes	22.00	22.00	22.00
(c) Head Tax Collection		297.50	
Total Revenues from all Sources Except Property Taxes	$13,553.88	$16,719.03	$16,156.80

CANAAN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Purposes of Expenditures	Appro. Previous Year 1954	Actual Expend. Previous Year 1954	Estimat. Expend. Ensuing Year 1955
CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	$ 2,948.10	$ 2,939.10	$ 2,965.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,400.00	1,441.84	1,400.00
Election and Registration Expenses	375.00	281.50	150.00
Municipal Court Expenses	450.00	385.00	400.00
Expenses Town Hall and other Town Buildings	2,300.00	2,545.85	2,500.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	200.00	199.64	200.00
Fire Department	1,000.00	996.29	1,000.00
Blister Rust and Care of Trees	400.00	400.00	400.00
Insurance	1,325.00	1,496.94	1,200.00
Civil Defense	50.00		
Health:			
Health Department, Including Hospitals	50.00	36.95	50.00
Vital Statistics	50.00	50.50	50.00
Sewer Maintenance	500.00	383.85	500.00
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	700.00	613.00	625.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—(Tractor)	500.00	40.71	——
Town Maintenance—Summer (Duncan Fund)	7,500.00	9,824.93	10,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	5,500.00	5,793.48	5,500.00
Street Lighting	1,884.00	1,827.96	1,900.00
Gen. Expenses of Highway Dept.	1,200.00	1,551.36	1,200.00
Town Road Aid	1,262.12	1,328.26	1,186.08
Libraries	675.00	675.00	675.00
Public Welfare:			
(Brush Cutting)	900.00	770.45	900.00
Town Poor	2,000.00	2,754.29	2,500.00
Old Age Assistance	7,000.00	6,467.08	7,000.00

(Expenses carried to page 15.)

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF

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Sources of Revenue	Estimated Previous Year 1954	Actual Previous Year 1954	Estimated Ensuing Year 1955

CANAAN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Purposes of Expenditures	Appro. Previous Year 1954	Actual Expend. Previous Year 1954	Estimat. Expend. Ensuing Year 1955
(Expenses carried from page 13.)			
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Assoc	140.00	137.75	140.00
Aid to Soldiers and their families	250.00	123.39	150.00
Recreation:			
Parks and Playground, Including Band Concerts	400.00	378.17	400.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemetries	200.00	100.00	100.00
(State Auditors)	338.72	338.72	——
Unclassified:			
(Head Tax Collection)		297.50	——
Damages and Legal Expenses, Including Dog Damage	250.00	88.43	3,000.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	80.00	80.00	——
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans	200.00	386.10	300.00
On Long Term Notes and Bonds			350.00
Highways and Bridges:			
(Tarvia)	2,400.00	2,497.64	2,400.00
Sidewalk Construction	200.00	191.95	300.00
New Equipment—(Fire Truck)	500.00	——	500.00
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
Long Term Notes	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Payment to Capital Reserve Funds (Sewers)	500.00	500.00	500.00
Deficit of Previous Year			777.70
Payments to other Gov. Divisions:			
County Taxes	3,859.68	3,859.68	3,859.68
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$53,487.62	$55,783.31	$59,078.46

HENRY P. GAGNON
ERLON G. EGGLESTON
JOSEPH C. CHANDLER
ROBERT E. RICARD
ROGER L. REMACLE

LYNN S. WEBSTER
CLAUDE J. DECATO
PERCY L. WOODWARD
STANLEY C. BOGARDUS
C. DANA CHRISTY
Budget Committee.

INVENTORY OF TOWN OF CANAAN, 1954

Land and Buildings	$1,312,807.00
Electric Plants	163,815.00
Horses, Asses, Mules (49)	3,320.00
Cows (477)	47,030.00
Neat Stock (90)	5,640.00
Sheep and Goats (19)	220.00
Fowls (1450)	1,450.00
Portable Mills (5)	7,700.00
Wood and Lumber (cut)	16,278.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	4,400.00
Stock in Trade	117,534.00
Mills and Machinery	11,600.00
TOTAL	$1,591,794.00
Less: Soldiers' Exemptions (83)	74,850.00
NET valuation on which tax rate was computed	$1,516,944.00

Town Tax Rate	$2.50
Precinct Tax Rate	.14
School District Tax Rate	3.08
Total Tax in Precinct	5.72
Total General Town Tax Rate	5.58

Financial Report

of the

TOWN OF CANAAN

IN GRAFTON COUNTY

for the

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1954

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

January 22, 1955.

STANLEY C. BOGARDUS
JAMES Q. RICARD
EDWARD J. BENNETT
Selectmen

JOHN R. TAPLIN
Treasurer

Town of Canaan, N. H. Balance

ASSETS

Cash:		
In hands of treasurer	$ 83.91	
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Fire Truck	1,059.92	
Sewers	3,637.53	
Fire House	204.14	
Due from State:		
Accounts Due to the Town—		
Tax on State Land	55.00	
Bounties	444.40	
Other bills due Town:		
Walter E. Stark — Overpayment road funds	36.50	
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1954	1,565.28	
Levy of 1953	549.61	
Levy of 1952	197.39	
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1954	1,591.97	
Levy of 1953	180.14	
Levy of 1952	271.22	
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1954	360.00	
Total Assets		$10,237.01
Excess of liabilities over assets (Net Debt)		16,041.17
Grand Total		$26,278.18

Net Debt—December 31, 1953	15,161.50
Net Debt—December 31, 1954	16,041.17

Sheet December 31, 1954

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Fire Truck	$ 500.00	
Cemetery Lots Sold—Due trustee of trust funds	145.00	
Due to State:		
State Head Taxes—1954—(uncollected $360.00) (Collected—not remitted to State Treas. $279.00)	639.00	
Due to School Districts:		
Bal. of Appropriation	4,829.12	
Capital Reserve Funds:		
(Offsets similar Asset account)	4,901.59	
Long Term Notes Outstanding:		
Bridges	15,263.47	
Total Liabilities		$26,278.18

Grand Total $26,278.18

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue

From Local Taxes:		
Property Taxes—1954	$84,615.65	
Poll Taxes—Reg. at $2.00—1954	1,040.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes—1954	22.00	
Yield Taxes—1954	140.82	
State Head Taxes at $5.00—1954	3,145.00	
Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted		$88,963.47
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes Previous Years		679.25
Poll Taxes—Reg. at $2.00		88.00
State Head Taxes at $5.00		320.00
Interest received on Taxes		72.17
Penalties on State Head Taxes		42.50
Tax sales redeemed		1,004.17
From State:		
For Class V Highway maintenance	$2,537.82	
Interest and dividends tax	1,967.36	
Railroad Tax	1,792.26	
Savings Bank Tax and Building and Loan Association Tax	80.39	
Reimbursement ,a/c State and Federal forest lands	54.92	
Blister Rust Refund	5.46	
Bounties	276.50	
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	627.63	
		7,342.34

(Receipts continued to page 22)

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses

General Government:	
Town officers' salaries	$2,939.10
Town officers' expenses	1,441.84
Election and registration expenses	281.50
Municipal court expenses	385.00
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	2,545.85
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Police department	199.64
Fire department, incl. forest fires	996.29
Blister Rust and care of trees	400.00
Bounties	444.40
Insurance	1,496.94
Duncan Fund	2,537.82
Tarvia	2,497.64
Health department, incl. hospitals	36.95
Vital statistics	50.50
Sewer maintenance	383.85
Town dumps and garbage removal	613.00
Highways and Bridges:	
Brush cutting	770.45
Town Road Aid	1,328.26
Town Maintenance (Summer — $9,824.93 Winter—$5,793.48	15,618.41
Street lighting	1,827.96
General Expense of Highway Dept.	1,551.36
Tractor	40.71
Libraries	675.00
Public Welfare:	
Old age assistance	6,467.08

(Payments continued to page 23)

Town of Canaan, N. H. Receipts and

(Receipts brought from page 20)

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog licenses	$ 418.20	
Business licenses, permits, filing fees	125.00	
Fines and forfeits, municipal court	298.80	
Rent of town property	1,734.44	
Registration of motor vehicles,		
1953 Permits	27.73	
1954 Permits	5,159.24	
Total current revenue receipts		$7,763.41

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	$39,877.09	
Insurance adjustments	100.00	
Refunds	12.00	
Sale of town property	135.00	
Sale of McGonnigle property	45.00	
Town of Lyme bear bounty	5.00	
Dorchester fighting forest fire	63.00	
Sale of cemetery lots	145.00	
James Q. Ricard—sidewalk repairs refund	26.00	
Dickerson estate—by E. A. Barney	78.94	
Enfield for fighting fire	28.50	
Hot Lunch	100.00	
Payment to Internal revenue Dept. check cancelled	28.97	
Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue		$48,407.91
Total Receipts from All Sources		$146,919.81
Cash on hand January 1, 1954		133.45
Grand Total		$147,053.26

Payments December 31, 1954

(Payments brought from page 21)

Town poor	2,754.29
Patriotic Purposes:	
Memorial Day and Veteran's Asso.	137.75
Aid to soldiers and their families	123.39
Recreation:	
Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts	378.17
Public Service Enterprises:	
Cemeteries, including hearse hire	100.00
Unclassified:	
Damages and legal expenses	88.43
Advertising and Regional Asso.	80.00
Taxes bought by town	1,565.28
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	8.54
Interest:	
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	386.10
Outlay for New Construction:	
Sidewalk construction	191.95
Indebtedness:	
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	40,000.00
Payments on long term notes	4,000.00
Payments to capital reserve funds	500.00
Head Tax Collection	297.50
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:	
State Audit	338.72
State Head Taxes paid State Treas.	4,640.00

(Payments continued to page 25)

Payments December 31, 1954

(Payments brought from page 23)		
Taxes paid to County	3,859.68	
Payments to Precincts	490.00	
Payments to School Districts	41,500.00	
Total Payments for all Purposes		$146,969.35
Cash on hand December 31, 1954		83.91
Grand Total		$147,053.26

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	$25,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	2,700.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	5,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	5,000.00
Police Department—Equipment	100.00
Fire Department—Equipment	5,000.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	1,000.00
Equipment	10,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	5,000.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	75,000.00
Equipment	5,000.00
All Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds	28,000.00
Total	$166,800.00

Detailed Statement of Payments

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town Officers Salaries:

Edward J. Bennett, Selectman	$400.00	
Stanley C. Bogardus, Selectman	400.00	
James Q. Ricard, Selectman	450.00	
John R. Taplin, Treasurer	110.00	
Harriett J. Taplin, Town Clerk	82.50	
Philip G. Cushman, Tax Collector	450.00	
Eugene F. Lorden, Overseer of Poor	171.60	
Eugene F. Lorden, Chief of Police	300.00	
T. John Clark, Auditor	42.00	
Joseph Chandler, Auditor	42.00	
		$2,448.10

Town Officers Expenses:

Association of N. H. Assessors	$ 3.00
Edson C. Eastman, supplies	78.55
Fred R. Hutchinson, box rent	3.60
Rexall Store, adding machine tape	.40
F. J. Shores, Register, title search	13.00
N. E. Telephone Co., office phone	156.79
Philip Cushman, tax collector exp.	63.65
Sargent Brothers, tax bills, etc.	60.95
Reporter Press, town reports	419.50
Frank K. Clarke, town officers' bonds	155.40
Brown and Saltmarsh, treas. and clerk supplies	20.49
Fred C. Weld Est., rebate on tax	2.51
S. C. Bogardus, tax meeting and expen.	60.50
Anna Proctor, Register of Probate	.50
Office Supply Center, typewriter	56.46
The Reporter Press, stationery and supplies	64.34
Collector of Internal Revenue	28.97
F. J. Shores, transfers	31.29
Fred A. Jones, legal fee	25.00

Tax Collectors' Assoc. dues	3.00	
Rocke's Garage, moving safe	3.00	
Ethel Lashua, copying tax blotter	18.00	
Inez Cushman, copying tax warrant	15.00	
Myrl Webster, Postmaster, stamps	15.00	
Ethel Lashua, work on tax books	22.00	
Edward A. Barney, making deeds	15.00	
H. J. Taplin, Town Clerk Expense	77.22	
James Q. Ricard, mileage	20.00	
		$1,441.84

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

The Reporter Press, ballots and notices	$113.50	
Clayton Stark, supervisor	12.00	
Fred Osborne, ballot clerk	27.00	
Ladies Social Circle, meals	18.00	
Ethel Lashua, sewing curtains for voting booths	3.00	
Mary Remacle, lunch for workers	3.00	
Katherine A. Gordon, supervisor	60.00	
Joseph Chandler, ballot clerk	6.00	
Burns Mooney, " "	9.00	
Daniel Fleetham, moderator	30.00	
		$281.50

MUNICIPAL COURT

Judge Daniel Fleetham	$375.00	
Dr. L. A. Dinerman, Wooster case	10.00	
		385.00

TOWN BUILDINGS

Hunts Dept. Store, curtain material	$ 9.48
Granite State Electric Co., lights	242.82
H. L. Webster and Sons, supplies	73.52
H. P. Gagnon, heating oil	975.31
Frank Austin, electrical repair	1.50
William Withington, care of Town clock	30.00

Blanchard Assn., fire extinguisher	32.20	
William Cady, painting Selectmen's office	55.00	
Walter Watson, oiling stairs and hallway	5.00	
Daily Eagle, advertising—Pike place	12.23	
Valley News, " " "	10.58	
Harland Neily, repairs to Pike place	19.00	
Gordon McAllister, repairs to Pike place	9.00	
William Cady, Town garage	5.00	
Crystal Lake Water Co., water rent	30.30	
Oscar Butman, cleaning and mowing	5.00	
F. C. Hammond and Son, Material for Town shed	1.49	
Ralph Galpin, cleaning and mowing Pike place	40.50	
Preview's Inc., advertising Pike place	350.00	
Valentine Austin, work at Pike place	39.60	
Earl White, work at Pike place	27.00	
Harold Tenney, work at Pike place	16.20	
Ernest Jones, surveying Town line	12.80	
Joseph LaBelle, painting part of Library bldg.	90.75	
Joseph Chandler, material for repair of Library bldg.	5.45	
William Cady, repairs of storm damage to Library bldg.	79.00	
G. L. Eggleston and Son, supplies for Town bldgs.	14.00	
Harold Colburn, repairs to Town house	30.76	
Harold Colburn, janitor and care of Town clock	50.00	
Reporter Press, advertising Pike place	9.00	
Robert E. Wendell, service on heating, electrical and water systems of Town building	269.36	
		$2,545.85

POLICE DEPARTMENT

E. F. Lorden, transporting prisoners	$30.00	
Frank Austin, guarding prisoner	4.00	
James Q. Ricard, special police	148.00	
O. A. Ranta Assoc., police supplies	17.64	
		199.64

FIRE DEPARTMENT

E. F. Lorden, salary as chief	$225.00	
Elmer A. Kidder, repairs	8.49	
Texaco Filling Station, gas and oil	2.12	
Arthur Watson, treas., fire dept., firemen's pay	680.00	
State of N. H., forest fire equipment	22.73	
Reporter Press, notices	7.00	
Eddie's Place, gasoline	1.22	
Eastern Fire Equip. Co., fire record book	5.90	
Gardner Supply House, tool marker	4.45	
B. G. Barrows, gas and oil	22.21	
H. P. Gagnon, gas and oil	17.17	
		996.29

BLISTER RUST

State of New Hampshire		$400.00

BOUNTIES

Board of Selectmen, hedgehog bounties	$434.40	
John Roberts, bear bounty	5.00	
Gordon Ward, bear bounty	5.00	
		444 40

INSURANCE

Herbert E. Brown Insur. Agency:

Tractor and fire truck	$66.65
Workmen's insurance	210.00
Insurance, Pike place	100.00
Precinct Hall and firemen	219.11
Town clock	14.34

Fire truck	52.93	
Library	471.81	
H. L. Webster and Sons:		
Insurance on Town Building	362.10	
		1,496.94

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Railway Express Co., express on water bottles	$ 3.33	
Charles L. Clifford, health officer	33.62	
		36.95

VITAL STATISTICS

Harriett J. Taplin, town clerk	$48.50	
Dr. I. A. Dinerman, reporting	2.00	
		50.50

SEWER MAINTENANCE

Leslie Mansur, labor	$ 2.70	
Cecil Gowing, labor	2.70	
W. Howard Reagan, labor	273.25	
Fred G. Jones, labor	12.00	
Gleason Decato, labor	93.20	
		383.85

TOWN DUMP

Frank Durocher, dump attendant	$585.00	
Freeman Pierce, moving waste at dump	3.00	
Reporter Press, dump notices	25.00	
		613.00

HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

District 1:		
Gleason Decato, agent March 9 to Dec. 31, 1954	$4,842.65	
Eben Lashua, agent Jan. 1 to March 9, 1954	1,382.43	
Francis Gambell, labor	6.00	
Internal Revenue Dept., withholding tax	24.10	
		6,255.18

District 2:		
Sidney Monroe, agent	$6,094.50	
Internal Revenue Dept., withholding tax	52.66	
		6,147.16
District 3:		
Walter E. Stark, agent		$5,753.89

GENERAL EXPENSE OF HIGHWAYS

R. C. Hazelton Co. Inc., parts for plow	$ 9.51	
Collector of Internal revenue	27.50	
Noble - Belisle Co., plow blades	116.33	
Columbia Steel Co., plow blades	274.67	
Texaco Filling Station, repairs	8.85	
Walter E. Stark, repairs to road machine	28.90	
H. P. Gagnon, repairs to plows	15.13	
Mascoma Valley Lumber Co., bridge plank	229.32	
Sidney Monroe, trucking snow fence	72.10	
Reporter Press, road signs	12.00	
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., culverts	659.30	
Noble - Belisle Co., plow frame	60.00	
Hammond Bros., repairing chains	4.75	
G. L. Eggleston and son, culvert thawer and supplies	30.00	
		1,551.36

BRUSH

Joe's Equipment Service, brush cutter	$250.05	
Joe's Equipment Service, brush cutter belt	1.20	
Gleason Decato, cutting brush	503.20	
Oscar Butman	11.50	
Ralph Galpin, mowing	3.00	
Daniel Eastman, labor on brush cutter	1.50	
		770.45

TRACTOR

G. L. Eggleston and Son, oil, grease and gas	$11.31	
H. B. Biathrow, grease gun	29.40	
		40.71

STREET LIGHTS

Granite State Electric Co.	$1,827.96

LIBRARIES

Joseph Chandler, chairman of Library trustees	$675.00

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Treasurer State of N. H., Old Age Assistance	$6,467.08

TOWN POOR

Army Navy Store, clothes Black children	$ 34.70
Mrs. Margaret Wilson, board Black children	1,163.05
First Nat. Stores, groc. Howard Grace	55.00
Edw. A. Barney Adm., Dickerson est.	140.00
Morrison's Rexall Store, Ethel Thompson	25.00
Mike's Cash Market, Dube	18.00
Mrs. Wesley Neily, board for Patrick Jameson	396.82
Richelson's, Howard Grace	4.48
Moody's, Charles Morse	2.99
H. P. Gagnon, Oil for Ethel Thompson	13.70
Fecteau's Market, groc. Charles Morse	120.00
Canaan Cash Mark't, groc. Carl Hill Jr.	59.10
Style Shop, clothing Patrick Jameson	9.30
Endicott-Johnson, shoes Patrick Jameson	6.21
Canaan Cafe, transient	.50
Dr. I. A. Dinerman, care Patr'k Jameson	16.80
Power's Drug Store, med. Chas. Morse	8.75

Hitchcock Clinic, Patrick Jameson	324.72	
Style Shop, clothes Black children	11.49	
Endicott-Johnson, shoes Richard Black	3.59	
Army-Navy Store clothing Richard Black	11.08	
Mrs. Mary C. Brockway, board James Black	99.45	
Army-Navy Store, clothing Black children	29.70	
Currier and Co., clothing Patrick Jameson	2.99	
Morrison's Rexall Store, medicine Patrick Jameson	2.85	
First Nat. Stores, groc. Ethel Thompson	15.00	
Dr. C. Montgomery, care Chas. Morse	8.50	
Adam's Market, groc. Howard Grace	170.50	
		2,754.29

MEMORIAL DAY

Morrison's Rexall Store, flags	$ 35.25	
Weld-Webster Post	100.00	
Harland Neily, work on memorial plaque	1.25	
Gordon McAllister, work on memorial plaque	1.25	
		137.75

AID TO SOLDIERS

First National Stores	$40.00	
Independent Cash Market	63.39	
Fred LaBombard Store	20.00	
		123.39

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Ralph T. Barney, com. of parks	$100.00	
H. L. Webster & Sons, supplies	14.55	
Oscar Butman, labor	8.25	
Valentine Austin, labor	50.85	
Marjorie Eastman, playground supervisor	195.88	

Clarence Eastman, labor	4.00	
Morrison's Rexall Store, supplies	2.64	
Crystal Lake Water Co., shutting off water	2.00	
		378.17

CEMETERIES

Trustee of Trust Funds, general cemetery care		$ 100.00

DAMAGE AND LEGAL EXPENSE

Brown and Saltmarsh, dog tags	$17.18	
Charles E. Dixon, Attorney, legal advice Ash Property	15.00	
Albert E. Clifford, poultry killed by dogs	56.25	
		88.43

ADVERTISING AND REGIONAL ASSN.

Dartmouth Lake Sunapee Assoc.		$ 80.00

TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN

Philip G. Cushman, collector		$1,565.28

DISCOUNTS AND ABATEMENTS

Anna S. Davis, overpayment of taxes	$6.54	
Harriett J. Taplin, rebate on Weld tax	2.00	
		8.54

INTEREST

National Bank of Lebanon:		
Interest on tax notes	$62.50	
Interest on tax notes	323.60	
		386.10

TARVIA

Blaktop Inc., cold patch	$292.19
Noble-Belisle, rent of jack hammer	11.84
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., road oil	959.14
Gleason C. Decato, patching	57.80
Walter E. Stark, oiling roads	810.42
Walter E. Stark, patching roads	42.65

Walter E. Stark, ditching black top roads	323.60	
		2,497.64

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION

Walter E. Stark, repairs to sidewalks		$ 191.95

PAYMENTS ON TEMPORARY LOANS

Canaan School Dist.	$10,000.00	
National Bank of Lebanon	30,000.00	
		40,000.00

PAYMENTS ON LONG TERM NOTES

Trustee of Trust Funds, sewer fund	$ 500.00	
Nat. Bank of Lebanon, bridge note	4,000.00	
		4,500.00

STATE AND COUNTY

Treas. State of N. H., head tax	$4,590.00	
L. M. Colby, county tax	3,859.68	
Treas. State of N. H., T.R.A. (1953)	66.14	
Treas. State of N. H., bal. 1953 head tax	50.00	
Treas. State of N. H., T.R.A.	1,262.12	
Treas. State of N. H., State audit	338.72	
		10,166.66

PRECINCT TAX

Crystal Lake Water Co., hydrant rent	$ 490.00

SCHOOLS

Ruth G. Hicks, treasurer school dist.	$41,500.00

Report of the Treasurer

For the year ending December 31, 1954

RECEIPTS

From Selectmen	$50,216.02	
From Tax Collector	91,046.65	
From Town Clerk	5,628.17	
Total Receipts		$146,890.84
Balance on hand, January 1, 1954		133.45
		$147,024.29
Payments by order of Selectmen		146,940.38
Balance on hand, January 1, 1955		$83.91

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN R. TAPLIN, Treasurer

Report of the Town Clerk

For the year ending December 31, 1954

DOG REPORT

RECEIPTS

96	Males at $2.00	$192.00	
20	Females at $5.00	100.00	
54	Spayed females at $2.00	108.00	
2	half kennels at $12.00	24.00	
1	kennel at $20.00	20.00	
22	Penalties at 50 cents	11.00	
			$455.00

PAYMENTS

Fees—184 dogs at 20 cents	$ 36.80	
John R. Taplin, Treasurer	418.20	
		$455.00

AUTO REPORT

23	permits, 1953	$ 27.73

859 permits, 1954	5,159.24	
		$5,186.97
Paid John R. Taplin, Treasurer		$5,186.97

FILING FEES

Town Meeting	$20.00	
Primary	3.00	
		$23.00
Paid John R. Taplin, Treasurer		$23.00

Respectfully submitted,
HARRIETT J. TAPLIN, Town Clerk

Tax Collector's Report

For the Year Ending December 31, 1954

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes—Levy of 1954

DR.

Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property taxes	$ 84,818.21	
Poll taxes	1,162.00	
National Bank Stock	22.00	
Total Warrant		$ 86,002.21
Yield Taxes		1,594.84
Added Taxes:		
Property Taxes	$ 329.58	
Poll Taxes	26.00	
Interest Collected	20.39	
Refund for over payment	6.54	
Total Debits		$ 87,979.56

CR.

Remittance to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	$84,615.65	

Poll Taxes	1,040.00	
National Bank Stock	22.00	
Yield Taxes	140.82	
Interest Collected	20.39	
Abatements	548.73	
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:		
Property Taxes	37.95	
Poll Taxes	100.00	
Yield Taxes	1,454.02	
Total Credits		$87,979.56

UNPAID POLL TAXES—LEVY OF 1954

Adams, Virginia
*Austin, Evelyn
*Austin, Val M.
Black, Elwin
Black, Pauline
Black, Paul
Black, Ruth
*Blanchard, Kenneth
*Blanchard, Jeanette
Brown, Helen
Brown, Walter
Buckwold, Roger
Buckwold, Rose
Butman, Nellie
*Bonner, Joseph
*Colburn, Dorothy
*Collins, Helen A.
*Curran, Jon
Cross, Pearl
Cross, Ruth
Downing, Goldie
Gould, James B.
Grace, Howard
Grace, Louella
Greenwood, Ruby
Greenwood, Oscar
Gowing, Ellen
Jewett, Harry W.
Kilton, Dorothy
Kimball, Robert
Kimball, Ruth
Long, Charlotte
Laramie, Charles
Moody, Rita
Monroe, Robert
Reede, Christopher
Reede, Hazel
Remick, Arlon
Sabin, Susie
Seamans, Thelma
Simmons, Barbara
Stark, Francis
Sweet, Helen
Sweet, Carlton
Sousa, James
Sousa, Jennie
Tenney, Howard
Tenney, Lydia
Tucker, Leon B.
York, Constance

* Paid after December 31, 1954.

I hereby certify that the above list, showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1954 on account of the levy of 1954, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

PHILIP G. CUSHMAN,
Tax Collector.

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes

Levy of 1953

DR.

Uncollected Taxes, as of Jan. 1, 1954:		
Property Taxes	$ 62.83	
Poll Taxes	88.00	
Yield Taxes	640.33	
		$791.16
Added after Assessment:		
Poll Taxes	$18.00	
Yield Taxes	32.40	
		50.40
Interest Collected during fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1954		8.35
Total Debits		$849.91

CR.

Remittance to Treasurer during fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1954:		
Property Taxes	$ 56.60	
Poll Taxes	88.00	
Yield Taxes	492.24	
Interest collected during year	8.35	
Abatements during year	24.58	
		$669.77
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:		
Property Taxes	$6.23	

Poll Taxes	6.00	
Yield Taxes	167.91	
		180.14
Total Credits		$849.91

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes

Levy of 1952

DR.

Uncollected Taxes, as of Jan. 1, 1954:	
Yield Taxes	$276.27
Total Debits	$276.27

CR.

Abatements made during year	$ 5.05
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:	
Yield Taxes	271.22
Total Credits	$276.27

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

STATE HEAD TAX

Levy of 1954

DR.

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Original Warrant	$3,510.00	
Added (supplemental) taxes	50.00	
		$3,560.00
Penalties collected		10.50
Total Debits		$3,570.50

CR

Remittance to Treasurer:		
Head Taxes	$3,145.00	
Penalties	10.50	
		$3,155.50

Abatement	55.00
Uncollected as per Collector's List	360.00
Total Credits	$3.570.50

LEVY OF 1954 UNPAID HEAD TAXES
AS OF DEC. 31, 1954

Adams, Joseph
Adams, Virginia
*Austin, Deborah S.
*Austin, Evelyn
*Austin, John G.
*Austin, Val M.
Black, Elwin
Black, Paul
Black, Pauline
Black, Robert, Jr.
Black, Ruth
*Blanchard, Jeanette
*Blanchard, Kenneth
*Bonner, Joseph E.
*Bonner, Rita
Brown, Helen
Brown, Walter
Buckwold, Roger
Buckwold, Rose
Clark, Elwin
Clark, Norma
*Collins, Helen A.
Cross, Pearl
Cross, Ruth
*Curran, Jon
Downing, Goldie
Emerson, Frank
Goss, Earl
Gowing, Cecil
Gowing, Ellen
Greenwood, Oscar
Greenwood, Ruby
Hadley, Howard E.
*Haskins, Ethel P.
Kilton, Dorothy
Kilton, Harland
Kimball, Robert
Kimball, Ruth
Long, Charlotte
Long, Wayne T.
Moody, Rita
Moody, Wesley
Monroe, Robert
*Neily, Norman
Provencal, Delore, Jr.
Remick, Arlon
Reede, Christopher
Reede, Hazel
*Robbins, John D.
*Robbins, Elizabeth
Sabin, Charles
Sabin, Susie
Sanborn, Robert
Seamans, Howard
Seamans, Thelma
Seace, Homer
Seace, Joan
Simmons, Barbara
Simmons, Everett
Smith, Eugene A.
Sousa, James
Sousa, Jennie
Stark, Francis
Tenney, Howard
*Tenney, Lydia
Thibodeau, Richard
Tucker, Leon B.
York, Constance

High, Jennie
Jewett, Harry W.
Welch, Robert
Welch, Joyce

* Paid after Dec. 31, 1954.

I hereby certify that the above list, showing the name and amount due from each delinquent tax payer, as of December 31, 1954 on account of the levy of 1954, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

PHILIP G. CUSHMAN,
Tax Collector.

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

State Head Tax Levy of 1953

DR.

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1954	$285.00	
Added (supplemental warrant)	65.00	
Penalties collected during year 1954	32.00	
Total Debits		$382.00

CR.

Remittance to Treasurer during 1954:		
Head Taxes	$320.00	
Penalties	32.00	
		$352.00
Abatements during 1954		30.00
Total Credits		$382.00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

State Head Tax Levy of 1952

DR.

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1954	$15.00	
Total Debits		$15.00

CR.

Abatement during 1954	$15.00	
Total Credits		$15.00

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

As of December 31, 1954

DR.

	Tax Sale on Account of Levies of—			
	1954	1953	1952	Prv, Yrs.
Taxes sold to Town during current yr.	$1,565.28		$	$
Bal. of Unredeemed		$2,235.69	1,205.93	1,068.40
Int. collected after sale		20.05	11.52	11.86
Total Debits	$1,565.28	2,255.74	1,217.45	1,080.26

CR.

Remittance to Treas. during year		$ 863.88	$ 71.59	$ 68.70
Int. Collected during yr.		20.05	11.52	11.86
Deeded to Town during year		822.20	936.95	999.70
Unredeemed Taxes at close of year	1,565.28	549.61	197.39	
Total Credits	$1,565.28	2,255.74	1,217.45	1,080.26

Unredeemed Taxes from Tax Sales on Account of Levies of

	1954	1953	1952
Ash, A Cushing	$144.00	$ 117.57	$
Ainsley, James Est			
16A. & Bldgs.	5.15		
10A. Sprout Land	4.11		
20A. Cross Land	9.71		
Barney, Mary H. Est.	141.77	142.15	151.48
Buckwold, Roger	27.36		
Bonner, Joseph & Rita			
10A. Meadow & House	87.92		
Motel	57.36		
Chase, Eugene and Dorothy	31.84		

Clark, Elwin	43.06		
Cross, Pearl & Ruth	6.61		
Downing, Goldie	26.23	28.36	
Goss, Earl	43.06	49.12	45.91
Graham, Gladys Est.	9.41		
Jones, Fred G.	20.63	20.86	
Jewett, Harry W.			
3A. Bldgs., Brook Rd.	31.84		
25A. Whitney Land	5.51		
Herz, Alfred & Ruth N.	26.23		
LaBelle, Joseph	23.43		
Laramie, Charles	9.41		
Provencal, Delore	43.06		
Sweet, Carlton	$17.82		
Bissell, Eugene V. N.			
8A. E. Colburn Meadow	31.84		
15A. Chas. Colburn Mead.	29.34		
Chase, Paul L.	48.67	9.49	
Chase, Wm. & Mildred	54.27		
Carley, Wm. & Frances			
20A. Ledgewood Cottage	59.86		
60 ft. Frontage & Lot	6.91		
Healey, James & Daisy Est.	6.61		
Hanks, Eugene & Vera	144.00	146.01	
Johnson, Frank F.	9.41		
Jones, Gladys (P)	29.86		
Merenda, Chas. & Norma	20.58	15.18	
Paige, Arthur	17.82		
Sanford, Alice	90.03		
Therrian, Florinda & Vance	20.63		
Winters, John H.	130.27		
Weld, Daniel H.	40.25		
O'Heire, Geo & Warren Downing		9.41	

I hereby certify that the above list, showing the names and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer

as of December 31, 1954, on account of the tax levies of 1954, 1953 and 1952 is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

PHILIP G. CUSHMAN
Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Year Ending December 31, 1954

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1954	$ 4.23	
Trust funds	71.12	
Town treasurer	675.00	
Sale of old books	60.00	
		$810.35

PAYMENTS

Paid:		
New England News Co., books	$158.64	
International Library Assoc., books	6.20	
Jean Karr and Co., books	56.54	
Roemer House of Books, books	9.68	
Apple Tree Book Shop, books	216.28	
Canaan Oil Co., fuel oil	17.13	
J. C. Chandler, Jr., Janitor	25.00	
Gaylord Co., supplies	3.50	
H. W. Wilson Co., supplies	10.00	
Ruth Chandler, cataloguing	50.00	
Ruth Chandler, salary	100.00	
Katherine Gordon	75.00	
Florence Mooney	75.00	
		802.98
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1954		7.37

Respectfully submitted,
EFFIE W. OLDS
MARY A. DWYRE
JOSEPH C. CHANDLER
Library Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Number of books accessioned Jan. 1, 1954	14587
Number of books added during 1954	292
Total number of books	14879

Circulation

	Fiction	Non-Fiction	Juvenile	Total
Canaan Street	3362	416	960	4738
Canaan Village	581	275	498	1354
West Canaan	501	31	208	740
Total	4444	722	1666	6832

Active Cards

Canaan Street, 200; Canaan Village, 142; West Canaan, 25. Total 367.

Respectfully submitted,
RUTH F. CHANDLER, Librarian.

WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST CONTROL

Financial Statement, Town of Canaan 1954

Area worked—acres		659
Currant and gooseberry bushes destroyed		6,198
Town funds expended	$394.54	
Cooperative funds expended	98.18	
Total Expenditures		$492.72
1954 Town Appropriation	$400.00	
Town funds expended	394.54	
Balance returned to town		5.46

REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONER

RECEIPTS

Brought forward from last year	$67.46	
Received from Selectmen	100.00	
		$167.46

PAYMENTS

Clyde Wescott, cleaning park, labor, trucking	$57.45	
Robert Eastman, mowing, work on plot	19.00	
Sharpening mower	2.00	
R. W. Galpin, mowing ballfield and playground	15.75	
John Perrin, mowing park	24.00	
Clarence Eastman, pruning and labor	4.00	
Oscar Butman, sharpening extra mower	2.00	
Fred J. Tyler, care of Church St. circle	5.00	
Clyde Wescott, cleaning park and trucking	27.60	
		$153.80
Cash remaining on hand		13.66

Respectfully submitted,
RALPH T. BARNEY
Park Commissioner

REPORT OF MUNICIPAL COURT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1954

RECEIPTS

Total receipts from fines	$807.00	
Total receipts from bail	150.00	
Total receipts from small claims	3.25	
Total Receipts		$960.25

PAYMENTS

Fines to Motor Vehicle Dept.	$364.50	
Fines to Fish and Game Dept.	126.00	

Witness Fees	12.00	
Court Operation Expenses	5.70	
Bail Transportation to Superior Court	150.00	
Paid to Town Treasurer	298.80	
		$957.00
Balance on hand		$3.25

Respectfully submitted
DANIEL W. FLEETHAM, Justice
Canaan Municipal Court

January 1, 1955

Report of Road Agents

DISTRICT NO. 1, EBEN LASHUA, Agent

Jan. 1, 1954 — March 12, 1954

Paid:	
Eben Lashua, Agent	$329.10
Eben Lashua, truck:	
Plowing snow	226.25
Sanding	186.00
General use	147.38
W. E. Stark and truck, plowing Leach road	42.00
Lawrence Talbert, tractor-loader, loading sand	56.00
Willis Webster, sand	19.20
H. P. Gagnon, welding and kerosene	25.30
Gerald Lashua, labor	35.85
Fred Jones, labor	226.70
W. Howard Reagan, labor	47.70
Ernest Eastman, Jr., labor	21.15
Leslie Mansur, labor	7.20
C. M. Dube, labor	10.00
Frank Durocher, labor	2.70
Freeman Pierce, Jr., labor	.90

H. L. Webster and Sons Garage, work on plow front	1.00	
Withholding tax	19.90	
Total		$1,404.33

Respectfully submitted,
EBEN LASHUA, Agent

DISTRICT NO. 1, Gleason C. DeCato, Agent

March 12, 1954 — December 31, 1954

WINTER

Paid:	
G. C. Decato, Agent	$ 86.50
G. C. Decato, truck and driver	276.75
W. E. Stark, truck and driver	29.50
Chester Hammond, truck and driver	170.90
Leo Dorr, truck and driver	86.50
Daniel Eastman, plowing	7.50
W. E. Stark, loader	13.00
Larry Talbert, loader	2.00
Eben Lashua, sand	1.00
W. E. Stark, sand	27.00
Raymond Hamond, sand	7.50
Labor:	
Pearl Cross	17.10
George Clonaris	17.10
Langley Withington	8.55
Cecil Gowing	4.50
Chester Hammond	1.80
L. Mansur	2.70
Clyde Chapman	18.90
H. Remick	5.40
C. I. Davis	66.15
William Martin	4.50
Elwin Neily	5.40
Lino Torelli	5.40

C. J. Decato	12.60	
Eugene Smith	6.30	
Total Winter		$871.05

SUMMER

Paid:		
G. C. Decato, agent	$ 487.50	
G. C. Decato, truck and driver	1,581.75	
W. E. Stark, truck and driver	30.00	
Chester Hammond, truck and driver	52.50	
Larry Talbert, loader	40.00	
W. E. Stark, loader	91.00	
W. E. Stark, grader	458.50	
Joe Theriault, tractor	12.00	
Chester Hammond, tractor	28.00	
W. Williams, gravel	7.20	
W. Webster, gravel	19.20	
N. Andrew, gravel	17.00	
Labor:		
W. Martin	65.70	
Pearl Cross	72.90	
Frank Durocher	5.40	
Earl White	32.40	
Langley Withington	11.70	
C. J. Decato	422.55	
A. Raynor	7.20	
Chester Hammond	8.10	
Robert Stebbins	101.70	
Robert Stebbins, use of pick-up truck	15.00	
Charles Watson, labor	3.60	
H. Kilton	6.30	
Alton Wolfson	89.10	
Fred Robinson	11.70	
Elmer Shuttleworth	10.80	
Robert Monroe	17.10	
Fred Jones	35.10	
Charles Neily	7.20	

Elwin Neily	7.20	
C. I. Davis	3.60	
Lino Torelli	3.60	
Tarvia expense	31.20	
Summer total		$3,762.60
Total Expense for Year		$4,633.65

Respectfully submitted,
GLEASON DECATO, Agent

BRUSH CUTTING

Districts 1, 2 & 3

Paid:

G. C. Decato, agent	$ 95.00	
G. C. Decato, truck and driver	12.50	
G. C. Decato, car	13.00	
Ralph Galpin, tractor	144.75	
R. Stebbins, pickup truck	12.00	
Campbells Garage, white gas	4.40	
A. Wolfson, labor	63.90	
R. Monroe, labor	14.40	
R. Stebbins, labor	49.50	
C. J. Decato, labor	35.10	
Rodney Russell, labor	7.20	
Fred Jones, labor	22.95	
Guy Plume, labor	7.20	
Charles Neily, labor	21.60	
		$503.50

Respectfully submitted,
GLEASON DECATO, Agent

SEWER LINE

(Opp. Webster's Garage)

Paid:

G. C. Decato, agent	$16.00
G. C. Decato, truck and driver	25.00
C. I. Davis, labor	13.95

Elwin Neily, labor	13.05	
Lino Torelli, labor	12.60	
Eugene Smith, labor	12.60	
Total		$93.20

Respectfully submitted,
GLEASON DECATO, Agent

SNOW FENCE

Districts 1, 2, & 3

Paid:

G. C. Decato	$ 4.00	
G. C. Decato, truck and driver	88.75	
Robert Stebbins pickup truck	3.00	
V. Austin, wire	3.00	
Lino Torelli, labor	13.95	
Alfred Tucker, labor	11.70	
Marvin Rock, labor	3.60	
Otis Drown, labor	3.60	
C. J. Decato, labor	29.25	
Carl Hill, Jr. and car	22.65	
William Martin, labor	13.95	
C. I. Davis, labor	13.95	
Eugene Smith, labor	3.60	
Charles Neily, labor	8.10	
Elwin Neily, labor	19.80	
Vern Hines, labor	4.50	
W. Brown, labor	4.50	
Robert Stebbins, labor	8.10	
Richard Stebbins, labor	4.50	
James Haskins, labor	7.20	
Total		$271.70

Respectfully submitted,
GLEASON DECATO, Agent

DISTRICT NO. 2, SIDNEY MONROE, AGENT

WINTER

Paid:		
Sidney Monroe and truck	$1,213.30	
John Colburn and truck	165.00	
Eben Lashua and truck	14.00	
Walter Stark, grader, plowing snow	31.50	
Walter Stark, sand loaded at $1 load	52.00	
Walter Williams ,sand loaded at $1 load	25.60	
Willis Webster, sand and gravel	11.20	
Sidney Monroe, labor on plow and moving same	13.50	
Walter Stark, repairing plow and wing	2.00	
Withholding tax	30.20	
Labor:		
Robert Monroe	314.70	
Alfred Tucker	80.80	
Edward LaBelle	16.80	
Ralph Coutermarsh	18.00	
Clarence Decato	.90	
Charles Neily	6.30	
Frank Robbins, Sr.	25.20	
John Robbins	1.80	
Gordon Butman	7.20	
James York	13.40	
Fred Jones	3.60	
Dan Williams	17.10	
Elwin Neily	1.80	
Total for Winter		$2,065.90

SUMMER

(Including Duncan Money)

Paid:	
Sidney Monroe, Agent, labor and truck	$2,429.51
Eben Lashua and truck	82.50

John Colburn and truck	248.75	
Clarence Decato and tractor, grading	15.00	
Clarence Decato, chain saw	3.00	
Clarence Decato, labor	10.80	
Walter Stark, sand and gravel loaded	159.00	
Walter Stark, grader	85.00	
Walter Stark, repairs to plow, road machine	18.00	
Lawrence Talbert, loading gravel and sand	49.00	
Neal D. Andrew, sand and gravel	31.60	
Walter Williams, sand and gravel	6.00	
Eben Lashua, sand and gravel	4.80	
F. Hammond and Son, sand	1.00	
Lester Webster, sand and gravel	20.00	
Withholding tax	22.40	
Labor:		
Sidney Monroe	81.00	
Eben Lashua	117.90	
Robert Monroe	213.90	
Arthur Cary	14.40	
Bruce Goddard	7.20	
Walter Williams	9.00	
Dan Williams	37.80	
Gary Sheppard	1.45	
Alfred Tucker	218.70	
Eugene Chase	47.70	
Robert Barrows	28.80	
Charles Neily	7.20	
Elwin Neily	53.90	
Charles Decato	1.35	
Harold Neily	7.20	
Thomas Neily	32.40	
Summer Total		$4,081.26
Total Expense for the Year		$6,147.16

SIDNEY MONROE, Agent, Dist. No. 2

DISTRICT NO. 3, WALTER E. STARK, Agent
January — March, 1954

Paid:

W. E. Stark, Agent	$284.00	
W. E. Stark, truck	884.20	
W. E. Stark, sand	126.00	
W. E. Stark, loader	20.00	
W. E. Stark, plow repairs	12.50	
W. E. Stark, dynamite and caps	6.75	
H. L. Webster and Sons, shovels	7.45	
Harry Biathrow, compressor	16.00	
Edna Gardner, gravel	5.50	
Clayton Stark, labor	131.40	
Donald Smith, labor	147.60	
Calvin Clark, labor	14.40	
Vernon Hall, labor	32.40	
Leo Kilton, labor	7.20	
Total		$1,707.90

Respectfully submitted,
WALTER E. STARK, Agent

WINTER
March — December

Paid:

W. E. Stark, Agent	$183.50
W. E. Stark, truck	280.85
W. E. Stark, grader	45.50
W. E. Stark, tractor	8.00
W. E. Stark, sand	7.50
W. E. Stark, power shovel	61.00
W. E. Stark, snow fighter	15.00
W. E. Stark, gravel	2.00
Harry Biathrow, compressor	18.00
Leo Dorr, man and truck	5.00
W. Williams, gravel	26.00
Clayton Stark, labor	14.40

Donald Smith, labor	67.50	
Robert Monroe, labor	3.60	
D. Williams, labor	7.20	
Eugene Smith, labor	8.10	
C. I. Davis, labor	1.80	
Clyde Chapman, labor	1.80	
Total Winter		$757.35

SUMMER

Paid:

W. E. Stark, Agent	$556.60
W. E. Stark, truck	504.80
W. E. Stark, power shovel	574.00
W. E. Stark, grader	1,180.00
W. E. Stark, gravel	46.50
W. E. Stark, tractor	14.00
W. E. Stark, sand	20.00
Sidney Monroe, man and truck	105.00
Eben Lashua, man and truck	7.50
John Colburn, man and truck	35.00
Neal Andrew, gravel	42.40
G. C. Decato, man and truck	147.50
Willis Webster, gravel	56.00
Ernest Lovering, gravel	10.00
Eben Lashua, sand	21.60
Eben Lashua, labor	27.90
Harry Foster, labor	6.30
Roger Kilton, labor	16.20
Calvin Clark, labor	7.20
Walter Williams, labor	23.40
Clayton Stark, labor	219.60
Donald Smith, labor	222.30
Robert Stebbins, labor	6.30
Alton Wolfson, labor	13.50
Larry Smith, labor	20.70
D. Williams, labor	45.90

Robert Stark, labor	6.30	
Summer Total		$3,936.50
Total Expense for Year		$6,401.75

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER E. STARK, Agent

TARVIA

(For all Districts)

Paid:

W. E. Stark, Agent	$42.00	
W. E. Stark, truck	42.00	
W. E. Stark, grader	28.00	
W. E. Stark, power shovel	152.00	
W. E. Stark, caps and dynamite	10.75	
Sidney Monroe, man and truck	40.00	
G. C. Decato, man and truck	67.50	
C. J. Decato, labor	14.40	
Clayton Stark, labor	28.80	
Total		$425.45

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER E. STARK, Agent

Report of Cemetery Agents

Wells, Canaan Street and St. Mary's Cemeteries

Received from Trustees of Trust Funds		$1,601.85

PAYMENTS

WELLS CEMETERY

Paid:		
Clarence Thereault	$207.90	
Edward LaBelle	31.50	
Donald LaBelle	17.10	
Charles Watson	56.70	
Fred Jones	39.60	
Robert Pollard	110.70	
Howard Tenney	41.40	
Robert Reagan	28.80	
Eben Lashua	13.20	
W. H. Reagan	292.00	
Oscar Butman	18.00	
Gerald Lashua	17.10	
Water Pump	6.00	
		$880.00

CANAAN STREET

Paid:	
W. H. Reagan	$139.00
Eben Lashua	52.35
Clarence Thereault	131.40
Edward LaBelle	25.20
Robert Hicks	32.40
Ralph Galpin	4.50
Robert Reagan	15.30
Fred Jones	77.40
Walter Bates	2.50
Charles Watson	21.60
Howard Tenney	24.30
Donald LaBelle	17.10
Carey Smith	12.60

Robert Pollard	100.80	
		$656.45

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY

Paid:

Robert Reagan	$18.00	
Fred Jones	7.20	
Clarence Thereault	9.90	
Walter Bates	6.00	
Donald LaBelle	6.30	
Carey Smith	10.80	
Robert Pollard	7.20	
		$65.40
Total Payments		$1,601.85

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. REAGAN, Agent

REPORT OF AGENT OF WEST CANAAN CEMETERY

RECEIPTS

Trustees of Trust Funds	$98.15

PAYMENTS

Paid:

C. D. Christy, labor	$21.00	
S. Stanley, labor	8.55	
Power mowing	18.00	
Trucking rubbish	6.00	
W. H. Reagan, labor	11.00	
R. E. Reagan, labor	7.20	
Fred Jones, labor	7.20	
Ralph Schnell, labor	7.20	
John Ginn	12.00	
		$98.15

Respectfully submitted,
C. DANA CHRISTY, Agent

REPORT OF AGENT OF SAWYER HILL CEMETERY

No burials. No lots sold. All bills paid directly by Trustees of Trust Funds with my approval.

PAYMENTS

Paid:		
W. H. Reagan	$11.00	
Robert Pollard	7.20	
C. Therreault	3.60	
Total		$21.80

Respectfully submitted,
J. QUINCY RICARD

January 1, 1955.

REPORT OF AGENT OF WEST FARMS CEMETERY

RECEIPTS

May 21, 1954	$25.00	
July 14, 1954	14.00	
		$39.00

EXPENDITURES

General Care of Cemetery	$25.00	
Mowing cemetery and repairing fence	14.00	
		$39.00

Respectfully submitted,
MYRON GILLENS, Agent

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

We, the undersigned, Auditors of said Canaan, New Hampshire, have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, Town Clerk, Selectmen, Tax Collector, Highway Agents, Trustees of Trust Funds, Trustees of Library, and Municipal Court, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for the year ending December 31, 1954.

TRUMAN J. CLARK
JOSEPH C. CHANDLER
Auditors

YOUR TAX INCOME DOLLAR

How and where does the Town and School District raise its revenue? Based on a total School and Town appropriation of $100,000 for 1954, the "pie" graph below tells the story.

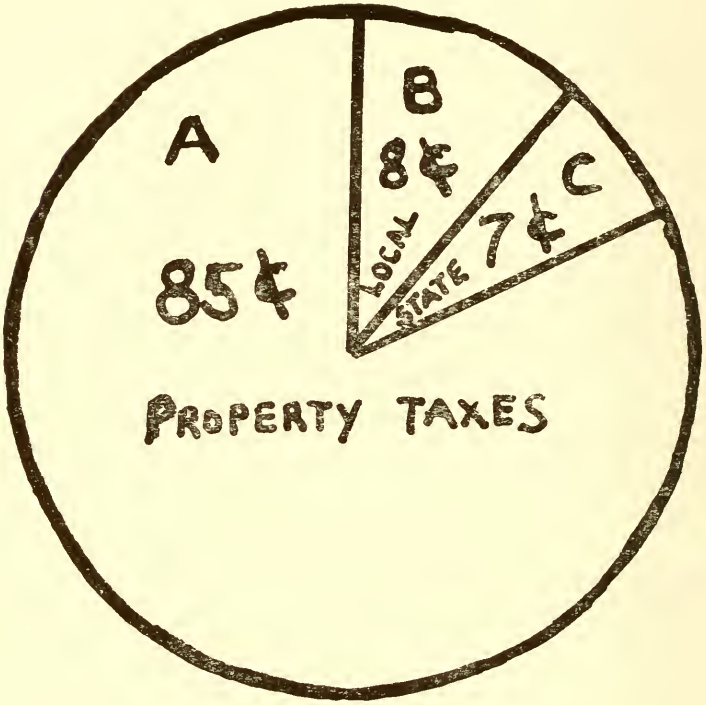


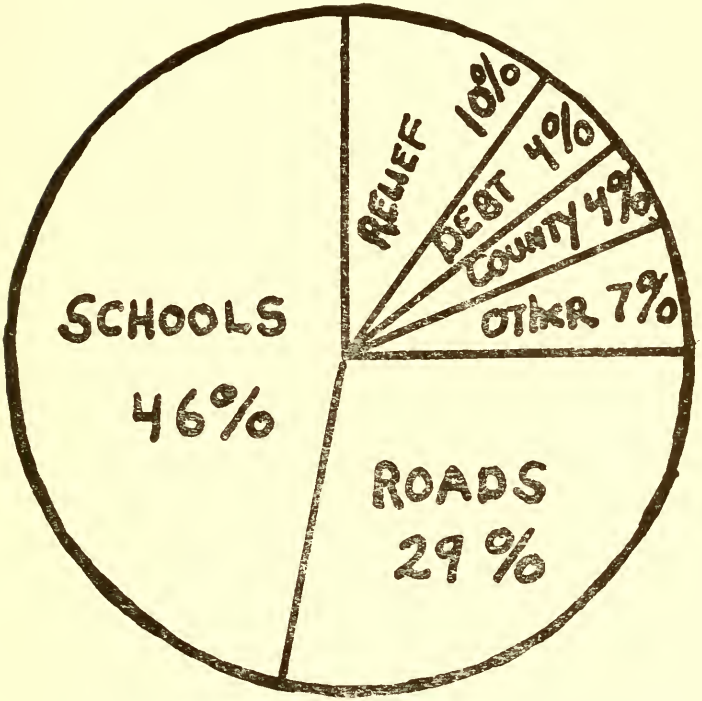
Exhibit A Shows that 85 cents of every dollar raised for both town and school purposes is assessed on local property, machinery, stock-in-trade utilities and cattle.

Exhibit B Shows that eight cents of every tax dollar raised is contributed locally from motor vehicle fees, dog licenses, permits, court fines, trust funds and interest income.

Exhibit C Represents income received by the town from the State and includes Duncan money.

interest and dividends, timber reimbursement, railroad tax and savings bank tax.

YOUR TAX EXPENSE DOLLAR



The pie graph above shows the distribution of Canaan's 1954 income dollar, **85 percent of which was raised by local property tax.**

Based on an approximate town and school combined budget of $100,000, 46 cents of each income dollar was spent on schools, 29 cents on highways, (including maintenance, general expense, brush, tarvia, sewers, sidewalks, TRA-towns share and tractor.) Ten cents of each income dollar went for relief, including Old Age Assistance and Town Poor. County taxes took four cents, service of debt another four cents and all other town charges, including salaries, expense, insurance, town buildings, fire and police, libraries, street lighting, recreation, dump, etc. only seven cents.

Report of Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

Date and place of birth; name of child; name of father and maiden name of mother.

Feb. 6 Lebanon, Linda May, Westly D. Moody, Rita S. Chellis.

March 10 Hanover, Vickie Lou, Victor Corno, Louise E. Decato.

March 12 Lebanon, Judy Ann, Cecil C. Gowing, Ellen L. Cross.

April 24 Lebanon, Norman Roger, Charles S. Adams, Marlene F. Rock.

April 30 Lebanon, Denise Marie, Joseph E. Bonnier, Rita M. Dionne.

May 1 Hanover, Duane Wesley, Leslie P. Mansur, Dorothy F. Cross.

May 16 Lebanon, Mary Louise, George S. Clonaris, Margaret Y. Thibodeau.

May 25 Hanover, Pamela, William W. Goss, Patricia H. Kirby.

May 27 Hanover, Ruth Ingrid, Carl E. Carlson, Kathryn E. Lorden.

June 8 Lebanon, Elwyn Fred, Elwin L. Clark, Norma K. Dunham.

June 18 Hanover, Gordon Wendell, Ralph W. Dow, Dorothy B. Webster.

July 12 New London, Paul Alan, Paul C. Gove, Mary L. Daniels.

Aug. 21 Lebanon, Barry Richard, Richard H. Davis, Helen B. Woodward.

Aug. 22 Hanover, Kerin Edward, Edward Lary, Jacqueline A. Reagan.

Sept. 23 Lebanon, Debra Ann, James W. Sousa, Jennie A. Dimond.

Oct. 1 Lebanon, Lois Marie, Roger F. Buckwold, Rose M. Powell.

Oct. 1 New London, Cynthia Williams, Edward J. Bennett, Eleanor J. Krummes.

Oct. 20 Lebanon, Bernard Douglas, Ernest R. Eastman, Jr., Beatrice J. Youtt.

Oct. 20 Lebanon, Janet Marion, Arlon E. Remick, Pauline M. Dean.

Nov. 8 Lebanon, Randall Roy, Lee G. Wilson, Elizabeth M. Wilson.

Nov. 10 Lebanon, Sally Ann, Delore J. Provencal, Sr., Irene F. Littlefield.

Dec. 12 Lebanon, Sheila Jean, Westly D. Moody, Rita S. Chellis.

Dec. 13 Hanover, Merlin James, Clyde C. Chapman, Marjorie V. Murray.

Dec. 19 Hanover, Barbara Irene, John F. Fiske, Jr., Leona I. Taylor.

Dec. 19 Lebanon, Carol Laverne, LeVern H. Buzzell, Doris E. Leach.

Dec. 31 Lebanon, Raymond George, Gordon E. McAlister, Ruby D. Powell.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HARRIETT J. TAPLIN, Town Clerk

MARRIAGES

Date and place of marriage; name and surname of groom and bride; name, residence and official station of person by whom married.

April 17 Newport, Arthur R. Dube, Alice P. Sargent; Leonard F. Dudley, Justice of the Peace, Newport, N. H.

April 24 Norwich, Vt., Leslie O. Johnson, Helen J. Daniels; Rev. Loren House, Jr., Clergyman, Norwich, Vt.

May 3 Hartford, Vt., Leo P. Bradley, Beryl F. Stanley; Seymour Hazen, Justice of the Peace, West Hartford, Vt.

May 22 Lebanon, James O. Thornton, Shirley A. Smith; Frank K. Neary, Baptist Minister, Lebanon, N. H.

May 26 Enfield, Richard E. Thibodeau, Jane M. Puryea; Rev. Achille Lettre, Roman Catholic Priest, Enfield, N. H.

June 12 Canaan, Ira Tompkins, Evangelyn G. Hicks; Carl O. Lindberg, Minister of the Gospel, Framingham, Mass.

June 26 White River Jct., Vt., Henry C. Rainey, Jeanette E. Beauregard; Francis Holland, Catholic Clergyman, White River Jct., Vt.

June 26 Enfield, Clifford W. Wilson, Viola M. Gillens; Milton E. Muder, Methodist Minister, Enfield, N. H.

July 10 Canaan, Albert M. Ward, Bernice B. Gregoire; Daniel W. Fleetham, Justice of the Peace, Canaan, N. H.

July 11 Rumney, Alfred E. Ashley, Nella M. Walker; Leslie L. Bunker, Justice of the Peace, Rumney, N. H.

July 11 Canaan, Harry D. Griggs, Madeline I. Langmaid; Robert C. Sharp, Methodist Clergyman, Canaan, N. H.

July 27 Enfield, Leon A. Valia, Ethel M. Black; Darrell D. Helmers, Clergyman, Enfield, N. H.

Sept. 6 Lebanon, Laurence B. Decato, Marie M. Monfette; Fr. John J. Boyd, P.P.V.F., R. C. Priest, Lebanon, N. H.

Oct. 23 Lebanon, Ervil W. Bentley, Marjorie L. Bentley; Robert A. Jones, Justice of the Peace, Lebanon, N. H.

Oct. 24 Canterbury, Albert B. Haggett, Jennie M. High; Arthur Buchanan, Justice of the Peace, Canterbury, N. H.

Oct. 30 Canaan, John H. Jones, Meredith Bird; Cornelius Firsch, Clergyman, Lebanon, N. H.

Nov. 6 Windsor, Vt., Frank M. Austin, Laurette M. Gagnon; John J. Lalor, Justice of the Peace Windsor, Vt.

Nov. 10 Lebanon, David E. Munn, Mary A. Stewart; Rev. J. W. King, Clergyman, Lebanon, N. H.

Nov. 12 Hancock, Mass., Kenneth Watson, Mabel LaPier; Oscar C. Arnold, Clergyman, Lebanon Springs, N. Y.

Nov. 26 Lebanon, Earl E. Smith, Cleona L. Britch; Rev. Milton E. Muder, Methodist Clergyman, Danbury, N. H.

Dec. 3 White River Jct., Vt., Robert Tucker, Rose E. Raynor; Milton M. Lavery, Methodist Clergyman, White River Jct., Vt.

Dec. 5 Lebanon, Percy J. Linthwaite, Vina C. Heath; Joseph C. Osborne, Minister of the Seventh day Adventist Church, West Lebanon, N. H.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HARRIETT J. TAPLIN, Town Clerk

DEATHS

Date and place of death; name and surname of deceased and age.

1951

Dec. 26 Hartford, Conn., Carl W. Boerner, 51.

1954

Jan. 5 Lebanon, Charles D. Fox, 72.

Jan. 15 Hartford, Vt., Ephriam L. Adams, 58.

Jan. 24 Canaan, Florence E. Heath, 51.
Feb. 1 Keene, Ellen A. Barnard, 91.
Feb. 6 Boston, Mass., John V. Hayes, 85.
Feb. 13 Hanover, Emerson Comstock, 78.
Feb. 14 Canaan, Ernest B. Emerson, 42.
Feb. 14 Canaan, Elmer A. Kidder, 44.
Feb. 17 Canaan, Christopher D. Wood, 3 mos. 14 days.
Feb. 20 Newton, Mass., Mary J. Fitzgerald, 73.
Feb. 26 Hanover, Annie M. Eastman, 42.
Feb. 26 Concord, William H. Ayers, 77.
March 7 Lebanon, Estella M. Allen, 76.
March 19 New Britain, Conn., Anna Boerner, 50.
March 19 Canaan, David S. Austin, 2nd, 74.
March 22 Canaan, Peter Saadah, 3 mos., 8 days.
April 7 Hanover, Annie R. Webster, 43.
April 14 Tampa, Fla., Winnie R. Jones, 79.
May 7 Hanover, Frank A. Martin, 87.
May 8 Canaan, Maude J. Buzzell, 71.
May 8 Mass., James A. Fitzgerald, 64.
June 20 Canaan, Myrtie F. Griffin, 69.
June 22 Canaan, Everett M. Emerson, 51.
July 2 Canaan, Lettie M. Whitney, 79.
July 16 Hanover, Lilly C. Webster, 74.
July 18 Canaan, Rhoda M. Weir, 48.
July 22 Lebanon,Fred A. Woodward, 81.
Aug. 9 Orange, Berton E. Morrill, 49.
Sept. 12 Thule Air Base, Greenland, Capt. Preston T. Miller, Jr., 33.
Sept. 20 Canaan, Agnes M. Parker, 76.
Oct. 10 Lebanon, Kathryn D. Spittal, 76.
Oct. 15 Lebanon, Edna Ayres, 67.
Nov. 11 New York, N. Y., Rudolph Raffius.
Dec. 1 Hartford, Vt., Joseph C. Senical, 62.
Dec. 6 Canaan, Effie M. Dubia, 76.
Dec. 10 Enfield, Phillip Giguere, 94.
Dec. 17 Canaan, Eliana M. Koskinen, 92.

Dec. 17 Bethesda, Md., Ella V. C. Hight, 72.
Dec. 28 Canaan, Margaret Wood, 85.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HARRIETT J. TAPLIN, Town Clerk

Report of Trustees of Trust Funds for Year Ending December 31, 1954

Number of Funds	Amount	Income	Beneficiary	Paid	Amount
73	$18,684.13	$937.07	Wells Cemetery	W. H. Reagan	$880.00
*(2 new)	60 shares Cry. Lake Water Co.			Electric Power	18.00
	4 shares N.R.R.				
	2 shares U. Fruit Co.				
47	$10,595.00	432.70	Canaan Street	W. H. Reagan	656.45
*(1 new)					
23	3,200.64	168.85	West Canaan	C. D. Christy	53.55
	11 shares N.R.R.			W. H. Reagan	32.60
				J. W. Ginn	12.00
5	$ 450.00	15.66	St. Mary's	W. H. Reagan	65.40
3	500.00	20.01	West Farms	Myron Gillens	39.00
3	1,050.00	35.05	Sawyer Hill	W. H. Reagan	21.80
1	200.00	8.00	Atwell Cemetery	No payments	
1	100.00	7.00	Jones Cemetery	No payments	
1	1,500.00	120.36	Prize Speaking	Ruth Hicks, Treas.	22.00
1	2,047.90	75.60	Mary Hitchcock	M. Hitchcock (1953)	71.76
			Memorial Hospital	Mem, Hosp. (1954	75.60
2	2,000.00	75.84	Canaan Library	Library (1953)	71.12
				Trustees (1954)	75.84
1	1,000.00	37.92	Literary Fund	Treasurer (1953)	35.56
				School District (1954)	37.92

Stock Received as Capital Gains (not included above),

1953	"B" Group—3 shares National Investors Corp. @ $15.92	$47.76
	Burnham Fund—1 share National Investors Corp. @ $15.92	15.92
1954	379 shares American Business Shares @ $4.098	$1,553.16
	5 shares National Investors Corporation @ $15.92	79.60
	6 shares Broad Street Investing Corp. @ 2839	170.34
	13 shares Chemical Fund @ $26.3795	342.93

Savings Accounts in Mascoma Savings Bank

Fund	Amount	Income		Paid	In Bank
Fire Truck Fund	$1,027.73	Interest	$ 32.19	No payments	$1,059.92
Town Sewer Fund	3,035.56	Interest Town Appro.	101.97 500.00	No payments	3,637.53
Precinct Building Repair Fund	200.00	Interest	4.14	No payments	204.14

Total Funds — Cash in Banks, Bonds, Securities and Principals— $55,752.69

Add: 60 shares of Crystal Lake Water Co.
15 shares North Railroad.
2 shares United Fruit Co.

Income drawn and paid to Agents—$1,748.80

*New funds during year—(3).

Fleetham Fund (Canaan treet Cemetery)	$200.00
P. H. Hutchinson-Plumer Lot (Wells Cem.)	100.00
Robert E. & Mrs. Estella M. Allen (Wells)	200.00
Total	$500.00

Income not drawn, available for Public Speaking—$203.51

General Cemetery Fund from lots sold and interest on deposit in Mascoma Savings Bank $2,017.13

Respectfully submitted,

PRESTON T. MILLER,
ROBERT E. WENDELL,
MARY B. COBB, Sec'y-Treas.
Trustees of Trust Funds.

Report of the School District

District Officers

FRANK B. CLARKE, Moderator
RUTH G. HICKS, Treasurer
FRANK B. CLARKE, Auditor
TRUMAN J. CLARK, Auditor
ROXIE GOULD, Clerk

School Board

JOSEPH C. CHANDLER	Term expires 1955
ESTHER E. WATSON	Term expires 1956
ALFRED D. NEILY, JR.	Term expires 1957

Superintendent of Schools

C. MAURICE GRAY

Attendance Officer

EUGENE F. LORDEN

School Nurse

ELLEN F. WILLIAMS, R.N.

Report of School Treasurer

Summary:

Cash on hand July 1, 1953		
Building Fund	$ 745.44	
Gen'l Fund	118.16	
		$ 863.60
Received from Selectmen, Current Appropriation, $42,719.55 plus $10,000 loan to Town	$52,719.55	
Received from State Treasurer, State Aid	12,390.95	
Received from State Treasurer, Federal Funds - Lunch	992.61	
Received from Tuitions	3,421.22	
Received from Trust Funds	57.56	
Received from all other sources	364.88	
Building Fund	2,173.22	
Total Receipts		72,119.99

Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	72,983.59
Less School Board orders paid, $70,052.30; Bldg. Fund 2,918.66	72,970.96
Balance on hand June 30, 1954 $	12.63

Ruth G. Hicks, District Treasurer

Auditors' Certificate

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Canaan, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, and find them correct in all respects.

Frank B. Clarke
Truman J. Clark
Auditors

July 15, 1954

School Board's Report

Receipts:		
From Selectmen, current appropriation	$42,719.55	
Return of loan to town	10,000.00	
From State Aid	12,390.95	
From Federal Funds, school lunch	992.61	
From tuitions	3,421.22	
From Trust Funds	57.56	
From all other sources (Refund from Supt. & Nurse's sal. $234.84)	364.88	
Building Fund	2,173.22	
Total Receipts		$72,119.99
Cash on hand June 30, 1953		863.60
Grand Total		$72,983.59

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Salaries of District Officers

Joseph C. Chandler, school board	50.00	
Alfred D. Neily, Jr., school board	50.00	
Mrs. Esther Watson, school board	50.00	
Kathryn Carlson, census	50.00	
Ruth G. Hicks, treasurer	75.00	
Eugene Lorden, truant officer	25.00	
Frank B. Clarke, Mod., Auditor	11.00	
Truman J. Clark, auditor	5.00	
Roxie Gould, clerk	5.00	
		$ 321.00

Superintendent's Salary

Supervisory Union No. 4	1,305.52

Per Capita Tax

State Treasurer	618.00

Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel

Supervisory Union No. 4, clerk's salary	483.52

Supplies and Expenses

N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	$ 125.84	
National Bank of Lebanon, service charge	1.03	
Reporter Press, printing	132.50	
N. H. I. A. A.. dues	3.00	
N.H. School Boards Association, dues	5.00	
J. C. Chandler, expenses	6.60	
Cascade Paper Co., supplies	12.15	
Supervisory Union No. 4, convention & office expense	131.24	
Ruth G. Hicks, expense	18.36	
		435.72

Teachers' Salaries -- High School

George Sullivan	$3,900.00	
Teachers' Retirem't	265.20	
Blue Cross	40.00	
		3,594.80
Annette Burns	2,700.00	

Withholding tax	382.50		
Teachers' Retirem't	208.40		
		2,109.10	
Zilla Tucker	2,400.00		
Withholding tax	454.80		
Teachers' Retirem't	190.50		
		1,754.70	
Harriet Ford	2,400.00		
Withholding tax	329.40		
Teachers' Retirem't	212.10		
		1,858.50	
Olive Goss, substitute		20.00	
Director of Internal Revenue		1,081.60	
Karl Nyhus, substitute		10.00	
N.H. Teachers Retirement System		876.20	
N.H.-Vt. Hospitalization Service		24.00	
			$11,328.90

Teachers' Salaries -- Elementary

Kathryn Carlson	$2,210.00		
Withholding Tax	303.00		
Teachers' Rtirem't	177.60		
		1,729.40	
Virginia Smith	2,400.00		
Withholding Tax	454.80		
Teachers' Retirem't	198.40		
Blue Cross	71.75		
		1,675.05	
Alice Lorden	2,400.00		
Withholding Tax	329.40		
Teachers' Retirem't	230.80		
Blue Cross	55.00		
		1,784.80	
Sibyl Gambell	2,400.00		
Withholding Tax	204.90		

Teachers' Retirem't	179.00		
		2,016.10	
Ruby Peaslee	2,400.00		
Withholding Tax	204.90		
Teachers' Retirem't	212.10		
		1,983.00	
Margaret Eggleston	2,390.00		
Withholding Tax	452.80		
Teachers' Retirem't	190.50		
Blue Cross	40.00		
		1,706.70	
Harriet Morrison	2,360.00		
Withholding Tax	322.20		
Teachers' Retirem't	228.00		
Blue Cross	55.00		
		1,754.80	
Viola Sullivan	2,400.00		
Withholding Tax	329.40		
Teachers' Retirem't	177.60		
		1,893.00	
Olive Goss	280.00		
Withholding Tax	43.80		
		236.20	
Roxie Gould		90.00	
Director of Internal Revenue		2,631.80	
N.H. Teachers' Retirement System		1,594.00	
N.H.-Vt. Hospitalization Service		183.75	
			$19,278.60

Textbooks -- High School

Henry Holt & Co.	$ 27.69
The MacMillan Co.	8.53
American Book Co.	82.87

The H. W. Gray Co.	2.08	
D. C. Heath & Co.	65.70	
Ginn & Co.	11.09	
McCormick-Mathers Co., Inc.	62.73	
C. C. Birchard & Co.	15.20	
		$ 275.89

Textbooks -- Elementary

Beckley-Cardy Co.	$ 8.41	
Hall & McCreary Co.	41.64	
Rand McNally Co.	2.32	
American Book Co.	24.21	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	92.35	
Houghton Mifflin Co.	95.14	
Ginn & Co.	2.71	
Henry Holt & Co.	1.35	
		$ 268.13

Scholars' Supplies -- High School

Milton Bradley Co.	$ 60.00	
J. L. Hammett Co.	44.64	
Christian Science Pub. Soc.	6.50	
Office Supply Center, Inc.	5.62	
Cascade Paper Co.	11.26	
Seven States Gas Service	7.40	
South Western Publishing Co.	40.68	
Civic Education Service, Inc.	42.40	
Benjamin Sanborn Co.	5.26	
H. L. Webster & Sons	16.37	
Morrison's Drug Store	5.05	
Canaan Oil Co.	21.00	
Teddy's Sport Center	7.96	
Phillips Paper Co.	16.20	
		$ 290.34

Scholars' Supplies -- Elementary

Silver Burdett Co.	$ 43.52
Noble & Noble, Inc.	1.67
Milton Bradley Co.	42.00
J. L. Hammett & Co.	729.72
Lyons & Carnahan	32.99

Row, Peterson & Co.	76.19	
Houghton Mifflin Co.	105.92	
Ginn & Co.	14.22	
McCormick-Mathers Pub. Co., Inc.	31.41	
Cascade Paper Co.	8.85	
Beckley Cardy Co.	8.95	
The L. W. Singer Co., Inc.	1.68	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	13.02	
The Art Centre	31.66	
The Continental Press	10.05	
		$ 1,151.85

Other Expenses of Instruction -- High School

Phillips Paper Co.	$ 5.34	
Americana Corporation	84.75	
Charles Scribner's Sons	2.62	
Educational Progress Co.	19.80	
Cambosco Scientific Co.	27.32	
Fred Tower Co.'s	12.50	
Music & Recording Studio	23.75	
Music Journal	3.00	
Ideal Pictures	2.72	
Pictorial Events	17.85	
Oxford Press	2.53	
Young America, Inc.	7.06	
Visual Curriculum Ctr.	3.95	
Eldridge Pub. Co.	4.63	
The Northwestern Press	3.68	
So. Western Publishing Co.	2.99	
C.H.S. Activity Fund	6.47	
		$ 230.96

Other Expenses of Instruction -- Elementary

Ira Zer Allen	$ 8.20	
Harper & Brothers	4.29	
J. L. Hammett Co.	32.88	
The Grolier Society, Inc.	157.15	
Cardigan Sport Store	.75	
Silver Burdett Co., Inc.	3.77	
The MacMillan Co., Inc.	4.12	
Supervisory Union No. 4	34.88	
		$ 246.04

Janitor's Salary

Walter Watson		$ 1,881.00

Fuel -- High School

Henry Gagnon		$ 530.37

Fuel -- Elementary

Henry Gagnon	101.53	
Canaan Oil Co.	614.29	
Victor Corno	12.00	
		$ 727.82

Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses -- High School

Atlas Products Co.	$ 29.47	
Hilyard Sales Co.	8.70	
West Disinfecting Co.	29.59	
E. L. Jones	4.85	
Allan Murray	15.00	
Masury-Young Co.	42.00	
White River Paper Co.	22.10	
Crystal Lake Water Co.	7.60	
Granite State Electric Co.	124.22	
H. L. Webster & Sons	24.73	
J. L. Holcomb Mfg. Co.	59.25	
J. C. Chandler	.30	
		$ 367.81

Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses -- Elementary

Hilyard Sales Co.	$ 61.20	
West Disinfecting Co.	59.19	
Lewis Bros., Inc.	1.00	
Gledhill Bros.	10.09	
Midland Laboratories	13.21	
Masury-Young Co.	18.43	
White River Paper Co.	66.30	
Crystal Lake Water Co.	26.20	
Milton Bradley Co.	78.08	
Granite State Electric Co.	347.62	
H. L. Webster & Sons	49.58	
J. L. Holcomb Mfg. Co.	225.30	
C. B. Dolge Co. .	17.56	
		$ 973.76

Repairs and Replacements -- High School

Walter E. Watson, labor	$ 78.04	
F. C. Hammond & Son	3.00	
Office Supply Center, Inc.	123.20	
Eggleston's, Supplies	6.00	
A. H. Rice Co., Inc.	14.70	
Fred A. Fogg Co.	77.48	
Cascade Paper Co.	10.57	
Dan Eastman	1.00	
Beckley Cardy Company	33.02	
Ernest Jones	5.75	
Cardigan Paint Co.	150.00	
J. C. Chandler	7.50	
Lebanon Radio Shop	1.50	
		$ 511.76

Repairs and Replacements -- Elementary

W. E. Watson	$ 21.32	
E. Lashua	4.00	
Dulac's Woodworking Shop	11.50	
Cascade Paper Co.	18.69	
Lewis Bros., Inc.	5.40	
Lauren Smith	2.50	
G. E. Supply Co.	16.75	
Beckley Cardy Co.	17.23	
Ernest Jones	2.90	
		$ 100.29

Health Supervision -- High School

Supervisory Union No. 4, Nurse's salary		$ 245.87

Health Supervision -- Elementary

Supervisory Union No. 4, Nurse's salary	$ 491.75	
Morrison's Rexall Drug Store	11.62	
		$ 503.37

Transportation of Pupils -- High School

Stanley Bogardus	$ 360.00	
Victor Corno	800.00	
		$ 1,160.00

Transportation of Pupils -- Elementary

Stanley Bogardus	$ 1,440.00	
Victor Corno	3,200.00	
		$ 4,640.00

Tuition -- Elementary

Enfield School District		$ 350.00

Special Activities & Special Funds -- High School

Cardigan Sport Store, supplies	$ 184.60	
Donald Jacquith, umpire	15.00	
George Sullivan, prize speaking	22.00	
The Reporter Press, programs	17.00	
		$ 238.60

Special Activities and Special Funds -- Elementary

School Lunch, reimbursement from state		992.61

Retirement

Supervisory Union No. 4, for nurse and supt.	$ 95.55	
N. H. Teachers' Retirement System	2,086.92	
		$ 2,182.47

Insurance, Treas. Bonds and Expenses

Herbert Brown Agency	$ 876.90	
H. L. Webster & Sons	347.60	
Myrl H. Webster	61.85	
		$ 1,286.35

New Equipment

Milton Bradley Company, desks and chairs	505.75

Principal of Debt

First National Bank, Boston	5,000.00

Interest on Debt

First National Bank, Boston	1,620.00

Loan to Town

Town of Canaan	10,000.00
Total Expenditures	$70,052.30

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 22 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

JOSEPH C. CHANDLER
ESTHER E. WATSON
ALFRED D. NEILY, JR.
School Board

GENERAL STATISTICS

Enrollment by Grades

1953-54													
Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
	43	41	33	32	22	31	21	28	22	23	21	8	325
1954-55													
Dec. 24	50	33	36	36	27	24	32	26	19	16	17	17	333

District Totals

1953-54	Av. Att.	Av. Abs.	Av. Memb.	% Att.
Elem.	232.6	13.9	246.5	94.4
H. S.	62.9	2.0	64.9	96.9
	295.5	15.9	311.4	94.9
1954-55				
Dec. 24				
Elementary	250.9	16.3	267.2	93.9
H. S.	69.6	3.0	72.6	95.8
	320.5	19.3	339.8	94.3

Tuition Pupils

District	Pupil	Grade
Orange	Eleanor Chandler	1
	Carol Eastman	1
	Evelyn Hammond	1
	Lyle Smith	1

	Susan Hill (from Oct. 13)	1
	Jerry O'Shea	2
	Chester Smith	2
	Susan Wheeler	2
	Barbara Powell	3
	Harold Hill (from Oct. 13)	3
	Linda Jones	3
	Margaret Day (from Nov. 1)	5
	Joyce Eastman	5
	Sandra Paynotta	6
	Helen Jones	7
	Clifton Wheeler	7
	Gene Smith	8
	Jeannette Jones	9
	Mary Paynotta	9
	Nancy Pettes	9
	Mary Lou Pettes	10
	Lewis Smith	10
	Marjorie Tibbits	10
	Susan Eastman	11
	Carolyn Pettes	12
	Margaret Woolbury	12
Grafton	Pupil	Grade
	Kenneth Aldrich	9

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1955-56

Open Sept. 7 (Wed.) Close Dec. 16 (Fri.)
Open Jan. 3 (Tues.) Close Feb. 17
Open Feb. 27 Close April 20
Open April 30 Close June 18 (Mon.)
Days out: Nov. 24, 25; May 30 (Wed.)
Close 12:30 Nov. 23.

Total number of days required by State Board is 180 including 3 for institutes and conventions and up to 5 for workshops.

Pupils must attend school if 6 by September 30 and may enter if 6 by January 1.

Vaccination is reuired by state law unless child has written excuse from doctor.

Superintendent's Report

We quite often see articles in newspapers and magazines written by nationally syndicated columnists "panning" and "telling" educators what ought to be done. Simply because one becomes an authority in the field of politics, foreign affairs, subsidies, or even football, does not qualify one as an expert in all things. The expert on what can be done in an ungraded rural school is to be found in an ungraded rural school; the expert on what can be done in a small high school is to be found in the small high school. The columnist experts are unacquainted with the "educational facts of life" and will remain so until such time as they actually spend a year, more or less, in an actual situation teaching the pupils themselves. Of course **they can not** afford to do this and a quick, superficial survey plus a few interviews and a posed picture or two must be the basis of material for an expression of opinion. Unfortunate it is that their opinions are so widely read, and believed. Not all of us in the educational field can improve our work and have the potential of always doing a better job. Much remains to be discovered and learned in the field of human conduct, but for a college president or a noted columnist to write that **all** pupils in high school should have a couple of years of Latin, or three years of college preparatory mathematics is too absurd to merit additional space. Our pupils must be taught to read current publications with the proverbial grain of salt. Freedom of the press is not license, and carries on its shoulders the greatest of responsibilities.

Once again we enter a legislative year with political leaders of both parties pledged to no new sources of tax revenue which simply means that the local property tax will continue to bear the major part of increased costs of educating our children. Even granting the possibility of a stable economy, costs of education will increase where: 1) There are significant increases in the school population; 2) There is need of extensive remodeling or new buildings; 3) Where new educational offerings

become necessary; 4) Where there is competition for teachers. There is an old, and elementary, law to be found in any high school economics text book that where there is a limited supply and an increasing demand for a commodity the price will increase. Numerically there will be a shortage of teachers for many years ahead; qualitatively speaking there is always a shortage. Teachers have the benefit now of being in the driver's seat of a "selling market." Until such time as state aid becomes available in sufficient quantity to absorb these increasing costs the local property owner will pay the bill. Only when this condition has been met will state aid, in still larger quantities, be of any great value in lessening the burden on the property owner. If you, as a property owner, are willing to absorb these costs there is, and will be, no need of new taxes; if you really want tax relief new sources of revenue are necessary, in the opinion of the writer. To say that it doesn't make any difference because the consumer pays the bill anyway is to overlook the fact that different people consume different things, and all consumers in the State of New Hampshire do not live here "the year round" nor do they all own property! There are several towns in this union which could well use several times the aid now being received. Other towns can not have modern buildings until special building aid is allocated from a higher level either state or federal. What do you want for your children? Are you willing to "pay the freight" on on present tax bases? These are the vital questions. The squeaky wheel gets the grease! Legislators have sensitive ears!

Using our present enrollments and the preschool census as bases we can expect, beginning with 1955-56, enrollments of 281, 282, 294 and 300 in successive years in the elementary schools, and 84, 98, 104, 111, 138, 155, 158 in the high school. It will be difficult to properly house 100 pupils in the present high school building, and impossible to offer them a reasonable program of studies and

activities with the present staff. Obviously some better solutions must be found than just "struggling along" the best we can. At present we have too many students not attending high school because of our very limited offerings. Students at this age level should be able to choose some vocational courses and should be able to participate in athletics and other school affairs of a social nature. Vocational courses should be fitted to the actual community needs of the pupils, and, in general, involve large space areas, are expensive to equip and maintain, not to mention the problem of finding teachers in these fields. A casual study of these problems would seem to find no solutions, and yet solutions there must be!

The only sure thing is that it is going to cost a lot more money to educate over 400 pupils in the Canaan schools no matter how it is done. When facing such problems as these can one be blamed for feeling a bit disgusted with those in the legislative halls who feel that the property owner should bear the burden almost alone? We are making a thorough study of these problems with the cooperaation of the State Board of Education during the current year and will have definite recommendations for the 1956 annual district meeting, or before. A possible solution, or two, of my own thinking astounds me and would I'm sure, frighten the tax payer! Some shifting in the school population might change these figures but during the past years the shifting has been to Canaan rather than away from it. I feel that these problems are extremely serious.

Teachers' salaries in Canaan are at a very low figure on any comparative basis one wishes to take. The beginning salaries of the graduates of Plymouth Teachers' College last year averaged about $2850 which means that many got more than that. No salary in the Bristol System next year will be under $3050. The teachers in Franklin are working for a minimum of $3072. Alexandria, Grafton, and Bridgewater are paying their elementary

teachers more than Canaan's are receiving. The teachers have asked for a 10% increase for next year and the school board has approved an increase of $200 each, and made allowance for the same in the budget. I believe this to be the least that can be done to improve salaries for next year. As previously stated in this report the supply of teachers will be less than the demand, making a rising salary level inevitable. This is another problem in Canaan to which there is no inexpensive answer. Wouldn't $30,000 in state aid look good in Canaan?

The addition of an extra elementary teacher during the current year is producing results besides filling a real need. Our first grade this year numbers 50 which obviously requires two teachers. It looks as though the entering grade next year would be smaller although our total enrollment will be breater. Whether we use two first grade teachers or have one working with pupils in grade one and two will depend largely on actual numbers in each grade. This year I feel everyone is profiting from the move, especially the first graders themselves.

Our problems during the next few years are very serious and will require larger and larger appropriations. It is my opinion that Canaan's property owner should not pay for all of this, and that material increases in state aid must be forthcoming. Watch those legislative halls in Concord—and actively support bills affecting your pocketbook!

Respectfully submitted,
C. Maurice Gray
Superintendent of Schools

Supervisory Union No. 4 Budget

N. H. Laws Chapter 135, paragraph 43. "The school boards of the several districts forming a supervisory union shall meet between April first and June first in each year at a time and place fixed by the chairmen of the several boards, and organize by choosing a chairman, a secretary and a treasurer. They shall, when necessary, nominate a superintendent or superintendents, fix the salary or salaries, and apportion the same among the several districts and certify the apportionment to their respective treasurers and to the state board of education."

Chapter 135, paragraph 47. "At a meeting held before January first of each year the supervisory union board shall adopt a budget required for the expenses of the supervisory union for the next fiscal year, which budget may include the salary and expenses of supervisors of health, physical education, music, art and guidance, and any other employees, and expenses necessary for the operation of the supervisory union ..... The basis for apportionment shall be one-half on the average membership of the previous school year and one-half on the last adjusted (Ch. 157, 1951) valuation of the district."

The chart of expenses is based on action taken by the union. (See page following.)

Supervisory Union No. 4 Budget

1953 - 54

District	Pd. State $2 per Capita Tax	Supt's Salary	Supt's Travel Expense	Office	Conv. Fund	Supt's Secretary	Nurse's Salary	Totals
Alexandria	$ 138.00	$ 191.42	$ 58.90	24.90	6.64	116.20	122.60	552.54
Bridgewater	86.00	215.80	65.40	$ 22.09	$ 5.89	$ 103.08	$ 119.10	$ 500.48
Bristol	a 510.00	1,198.92	368.90	138.34	36.89	645.58	798.52	3,187,15
Canaan	618.00	897.98	276.30	103.61	27.63	483.52	634.02	2,423.06
Danbury	224.00	247.64	76.20	28.58	7.62	133.35	170.77	664.16
Grafton	168.00	227.82	70.10	26.29	7.01	122.67	148.88	602.77
Groton	36.00	98.80	30.40	11.40	3.04	53.20		196.84
Hebron	30.00	141.06	43.40	16.27	4.34	75.95	78.29	359.31
Orange	50.00	30.36	9.40	3.52	.94	16.45	14.96	75.83
Totals	$1,860.00	$3,250.00	$1,000.00	$375.00	$100.00	$1,750.00	$2,087.14	$8,562.14
Received from State	$2,750.00	$2,750.00						

*The State increased its share from $2,275 to $2,750 making refunds totalling $475 to the districts on supt's salary. Hence these figures, which are net, will not reconcile with detailed statements representing gross payments.

CANAAN SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET
1955-56
EXPENDITURES

ITEM	Actual Expen. 1953-54	Adopted Budget 1954-55	Actual Expen. July 1 to Dec. 31,'54	Sch. Brd. Budget 1955-56	Bud. Com. Budget 1955-56
Administration:					
Salaries of district officers	$ 321.00	$ 321.00	$ 200.00	$ 321.00	$ 321.00
Superintendent's salary (local share)	1,305.52	986.23	986.23	1,019.81	1,019.81
Tax for state wide supervision	618.00	602.00	602.00	636.00	636.00
Salaries of other administrative personnel	483.52	472.85	472.85	558.80	558.80
Supplies and expenses	304.48	1,050.00	497.66	1,050.00	1,050.00
Instruction:					
High school teachers' and principals' salaries	11,460.14	11,500.00	3,939.38	12,300.00	11,900.00
Elementary teachers' salaries	19,278.60	21,850.00	7,448.99	23,650.00	22,750.00
Books and other instruction aids, high	275.89	300.00	267.78	300.00	300.00
Books and other instruction aids, elementary	268.13	550.00	311.64	700.00	600.00
Scholars' supplies, high	290.34	400.00	551.22	400.00	400.00
Scholars' supplies, elementary	1,151.85	800.00	680.18	1,000.00	1,000.00
Supplies and expenses, high	230.96	200.00	106.21	200.00	200.00
Supplies and other expenses, elementary	246.04	300.00	73.56	300.00	300.00
Operation of School Plant:					
Salaries of custodians, high	627.00	500.00	299.66	600.00	550.00
Salaries of custodians, elementary	1,254.00	1,500.00	599.34	1,600.00	1,550.00
Fuel or heat, high	530.37	400.00	39.22	600.00	600.00
Fuel or heat, elementary	727.82	900.00	531.78	900.00	900.00
Water, light, supplies and expenses, high	367.81	150.00	82.53	400.00	400.00
Water, light, supplies and expenses, elementary	973.76	700.00	717.46	1,000.00	1,000.00
Maintenance of School Plant:					
Repairs and replacements, high	511.76	800.00	744.08	800.00	800.00

Repairs and replacements, elementary	100.29	200.00	231.80	200.00	200.00
Auxiliary Activities:					
Health supervision, high	245.87	100.00	240.50	150.00	150.00
Health supervision, elementary	503.37	344.00	487.15	379.65	379.65
Transportation, high	1,160.00	1,200.00	348.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Transportation, elementary	4,640.00	4,600.00	1,439.15	4,600.00	4,600.00
Tuition, elementary	350.00	200.00	——	200.00	200.00
Special activities and funds, high	238.60	100.00	——	100.00	100.00
Special activities and special funds, elementary	——	100.00	——	100.00	100.00
School lunch and special milk, high	248.15	——	——	——	——
School lunch and special milk, elementary	744.46	——	171.79	——	——
Fixed charges:					
Retirement, high	666.98	700.00	225.00	750.00	750.00
Retirement, elementary	1,515.49	1,735.00	450.18	1,880.00	1,880.00
Insurance, treas. bonds and expenses, high				320.00	320.00
Insurance, treas. bonds and expenses, elementary	1,286.35	850.00	576.30	930.00	930.00
Contingency fund	——	500.00	——	1,000.00	1,000.00
Capital Outlay:					
Lands and new buildings, elementary	950.91				
Additions and improvements, high	1,967.75				
New equipment, high	505.75	50.00	——	50.00	50.00
New equipment, —elementary	——	50.00	610.00	50.00	50.00
Total Capital Outlay	$3,424.41	$100.00	$610.00	$100.00	$100.00
Debt and Interest:					
Principal of debt	$5,000.00	$5,000.00	——	$5,000.00	——
Interest on debt	1,620.00	1,530.00	765.00	1,440.00	——
—Total debt and interest	6,620.00	6,530.00	765.00	6,440.00	——
Loan to town	$10,000.00				
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OR SCH. APPRO.	$72,970.96	$61,541.08	$24,696.64	$66,685.26	——

RECEIPTS

ITEM:					
State Aid	$12,390.95	$10,966.96	$10,966.96	——	——
Federal Aid, school lunch	992.61	——	171.79	——	——
Trust funds	57.56	45.00	——	45.00	——
High school tuition	1,250.00	2,000.00	875.00	1,750.00	——
Elementary school tuition	2,171.22	2,200.00	——	1,875.00	——
Other	364.88	——	1.55	——	——
Trustees, sale of school houses	2,173.22	——	——	——	——
Repayment of town loan	10,000.00	——	——	——	——
Total Receipts other than Property Taxes	$29,400.44	$15,211.96	$12,015.30		
District Assessment Raised or to be Raised by Property Taxes	$42,719.55	——	$19,500.00		

Warrant for School Meeting

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Canaan qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Elementary School in said district on the 4th day of March, 1955, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year. ,

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.

6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.

9. To see if the district will grant an increase of two hundred dollars ($200) to each teacher for the school year of 1955-56 in addition to the one hundred dollars in the school budget. (By petition)

10. To see if the school district will vote to adopt a plan for extending to employees of the school district the benefits of title II of the Federal Social Security Act

(Old Age and Survivor's Insurance) as authorized by Chapter 234 of the laws of 1951 and to raise and appropriate the sum of $70.00 to defray the school district's share of the cost thereof.

11. If the foregoing article is adopted to see if the school district will authorize the school board to execute on behalf of the school district the necessary agreement with the State of New Hampshire to carry into effect the plan and to see if the school district will designate the School District Treasurer as the officer to be responsible for the administration of the plan.

12. To see if the district will vote to authorize the School Board to use any receipts under-estimated in the budget for 1955-56 to pay liabilities under-estimated in the 1955-56 budget.

13. To see if the school district will vote to allow the Parent Teacher's Association to hold their meetings and fund raising activities in the elementary school auditorium without any charge to said association. (By petition)

14. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Canaan this 17th day of February 1955.

JOSEPH C. CHANDLER
ALFRED D. NEILY, JR.
ESTHER E. WATSON
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

JOSEPH C. CHANDLER
ALFRED D. NEILY, JR.
ESTHER E. WATSON
School Board

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